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Senior, family housing included among 48 units

Rezoning approved for apartment project

by Special Writer

A new 48-unit apartment complex in Grayling was encouraged by rezoning action approved this week (Jan. 12) by Grayling City Council.

The apartments would be constructed at the south end of Meadows Dr., near Meadows Manor.

The 4.17 acre plot, presently vacant, was rezoned from C-2 commercial to R-2 residential. Council

vote was 5-0.

Councilman Bob Ruddy, who also is a member of the Grayling Housing Commission, echoed the point made by developers that rental housing, especially for seniors, is in seriously short supply in Grayling.

"We don't have any," Ruddy said. "The waiting list is deplorable. Grayling needs senior housing."

One of the developers, James R. Hovey, in urging the rezoning, said

there is "an overwhelming need" for rental units in Grayling. Hovey cited a recent market survey he had commissioned showing need for 113 senior units and 154 rental units in

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Grayling. He said his study showed of 400 units in Grayling, only 10 were available, and at one development only one apartment was vacant, with a waiting list to get in.

P.K. Housing and Management Co., of Haslett, which has handled about 15 similar developments throughout the state, is planning to develop the Grayling site.

The Grayling plan calls for 24 units of senior citizen housing, all on one floor, with 20 one-bedroom units and four two-bedroom units. Rent would run from \$363 to \$407, with rental assistance available so no more than 30 percent of an individual's income would go for rent.

The senior section would be called Whispering Pines Senior Apartments.

On the other side of the lot would be two two-story structures with 24 units in all, called Grayling Pines Family Apartments.

One building would contain eight units, the other 16 units. Grayling Pines would have eight one-bedroom units and 16 two-bedroom units. Rents would run from \$340 to

\$385, with the same sort of rental assistance available.

Hovey cited several reasons his firm is interested in Grayling apartments:

— Steady growth in the community, plus a good economy.

— Overall population in the Grayling area and the county, and an accompanying need for housing.

— Projections of good, steady growth of population and the economy in the area.

He said senior citizens are sometimes "stuck in their homes" as they grow older, because there is limited rental alternatives. His project, he said, would help to "open the market" because as seniors move into apartments, their homes become available for others to move, too.

"Young people, getting a start," primarily in their 20s, likely would occupy the family units, he said, until they were able to get a house of their own. However, seniors also would be eligible for the family units.

Market survey by the developers shows population growth, good economy ahead for Grayling.

Hovey said his company had looked at several sites for their Grayling project, and the Meadows area is the best, pointing to medical services and shopping nearby.

Pete Potterpin, Hovey's partner in

P.K. Housing, said financing would be "collaborative" with funds from federal and state sources. Citizens Bank in Grayling likely will supply construction funds, he said.

"Both developments will be built at the same time," Potterpin said. "We anticipate a spring start, and believe that it should take less than a year to complete construction."

With rezoning approved, next step is submission of specific site plans to the city for study and approval.

City Manager Jerry W. Morford said the city will study such matters as density on the site, required parking areas, setbacks from property lines, and related matters.

"When the site plans have been

approved for conformance, the developer would then go to the County Building Inspector to obtain building plan review, permits, etc.," Morford said.

City water and sewer are available at the edge of the proposed project, and could be extended at the developers' expense, Morford said. He said the city has plenty of utility capacity to handle the new apartments.

The 4.17 acre LaGrow property, which has been listed by realtors for \$75,000, is under option to buy by the developers.

Other P.K. housing projects are located in Bellaire, Pentwater, Alma and New Lothrop, among other cities.

DNR land may become park in Grayling Township

Grayling Township has the largest land area of any township in the Lower Peninsula, but it has no park.

Rep. Allen Lowe is working with local leaders to change that.

Lowe has sponsored legislation to transfer to Grayling township approximately 50 acres of state-owned forest located about a mile and half northeast of Grayling. The House approved the measure in October and sent it to the Senate for further consideration.

Under House Bill 4979, the land only can be used for public recreational purposes.

"With a 20-percent population growth, land in the township is at a premium," said Lowe, R-Grayling.

Approximately 80 percent of the township's property is owned by the state and federal government.

That's why Lowe and township officials were excited when local DNR officials agreed to the trans-

fer. The land is close to the center of the township and its population. The property also is easily accessible, with the I-75 right-of-way bordering on the east and the North Down River Rd. exit less than one mile away.

Grayling Township leaders are planning to develop a parking area on the south end, with adjacent landscaped garden, picnic and fenced playground areas complete with water and restroom facilities.

"Township officials are planning quality services for area residents," Lowe said. "Thanks to their foresight, money for the project is included in the budget."

Lowe is familiar with the property as he used to trout fish in the vicinity.

"Turning this land into a park is a wonderful idea," Lowe said. "I hope the Senate will move swiftly on this legislation. A park will be a lasting legacy to the residents of Grayling Township."

Cheerleaders return from England

An entire week of new wonders, new friends, new sites and grand adventures all came to an amazing but sad end on Jan. 2, 1998 for two Grayling High School cheerleaders returning from their seven-day trip to London, England.

As they walked down the terminal singing "Lean on Me," the unofficial theme song of the Detroit Universal Cheerleaders of America (UCA) group, flashes of seven unforgettable days floated through their minds.

Amanda Love, Varsity cheer-

leader, and Sarah Audrey Wieman, Junior Varsity cheerleader, joined 1,200 other high school cheerleaders from all over the United States, who all proudly held the title of Universal All-Star Cheerleaders, to participate in London's New Year's Day Parade.

The girls left from Detroit Metro Airport and flew British Airways to London. They spent their time touring the historical and not so historical sights.

The first day they visited Covenant Gardens and Piccadilly

Circus, and their hotel window looked out on the famous Tower of London.

During the following days the girls, chaperones and UCA personnel took a boat ride on the Thames River, walked to St. Katherine's Pier, toured Oxford University and Windsor Castle, climbed all 534 steps to the top of St. Paul's Cathedral, rode the tube (subway) and visited the Hard Rock Cafe.

On New Year's Eve they went to the Strand Theatre and saw the play "Buddy," a play about the life of Buddy Holly, and then attended a New Year's Eve party at the John Orwell Center. There was plenty of time left over for making new friends and for the dream of every teenager — shopping. Amanda and Sarah managed to bring home presents for themselves as well as family and friends.

The theme of the parade was "Youth Rock and Roll". This was the 10th anniversary of the New Year's Day Parade in London, and UCA celebrated being a part of the London Parade Festival for all of those 10 years. The Universal Cheerleaders, with their inventive routines, colorful uniforms and being such a large group, are always

a major attraction in the parade.

The cheerleaders were divided into six groups, each with separate, distinctive uniforms. Every group had a different routine performed to an Elvis Presley song.

They spent many hours practicing and perfecting their routines. During the parade the cheerleaders performed and ran two and a half miles doing their routines.

This trip allowed the girls to meet and get to know cheerleaders from all over the country. Some of the other participants have performed in national cheerleading competitions and gave the girls a lot of inspiration and a great idea to bring home to their squads.

Sarah and Amanda were not the first UCA all stars from Grayling. Last year Grayling sent Jessica Becks, a junior, to the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City.

After talking to the other parade participants, Amanda and Sarah said they realized what exceptional people make up their family, friends and community.

And even though it was a wonderful and enlightening experience, their first words off the plane were, "We are hungry. Good old American food, please!"



TRAVELING CHEERLEADERS -- Amanda Love (left) and Sara Weiman will never forget their adventures in London.

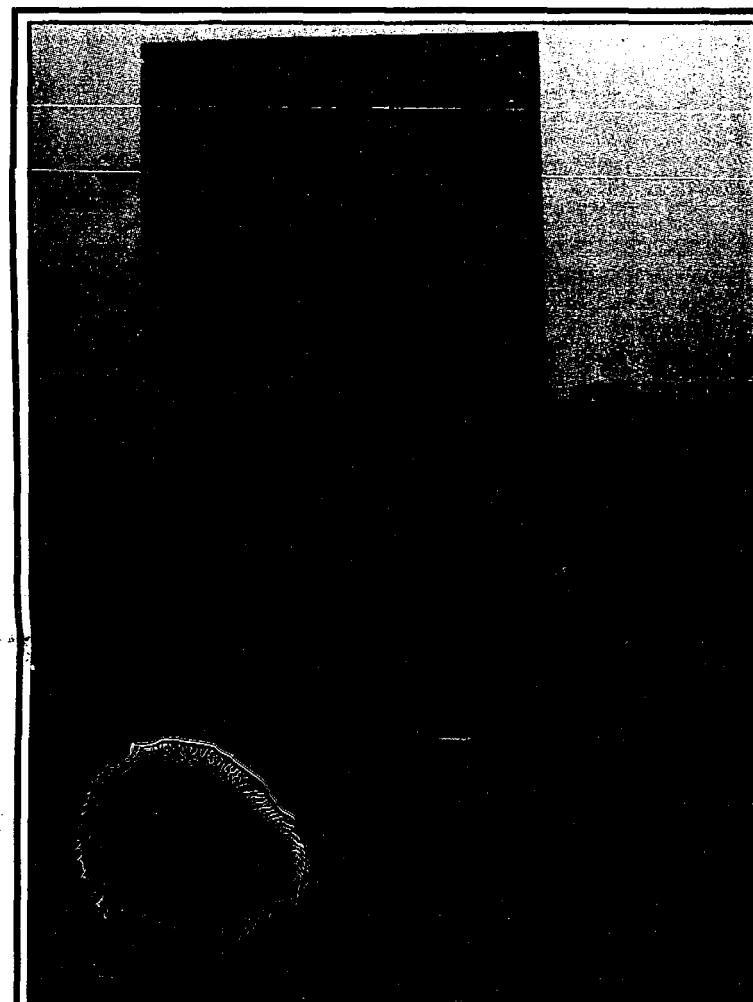
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30 PERCENT TO GO -- Marianne Gosnell, campaign co-chair of Crawford County United Way, shows the 1997 campaign has reached 70 percent of goal. Photo by Cheryl Rulley.

United Way fund drive at 70 percent of goal

by Cheryl A Rulley
Special Writer

As the snow finally flies and temperatures plummet, the Crawford County United Way's thermometer slowly rises.

Ideally, the 1997 campaign would have ended Dec. 31. But, as of Jan 9, fund-raising efforts have reached only 70 percent of the \$80,000 goal.

Each year the 16-member volunteer Board of Directors reviews the efforts and needs of non-profit agencies that serve Crawford County residents and determine who will receive United Way funding.

Sandy Briney, co-chair for the 1997 campaign, is optimistic that with a little effort, the campaign's goal will be met soon.

Sandy is concerned that members of the community who cannot afford a large donation will think their small donation will not make a difference. "Even \$5 helps a lot," she said.

Some funding comes from membership of the Crawford County United Way (CCUW) in the national campaign. These funds, albeit small, help out with the large expense of bulk mailings and allow the local chapter to use the United Way's logo and emblems in its advertising.

Sandy stated that the bulk mailings are worth the cost because they draw a huge response and

enable those who can only "give a little" to do so. "With so many government cuts, every little bit helps a lot," she explained.

Community service hours can be earned by students who organize and run a fund-raising event, such as a car wash, bake sale, or candy sale. They can also volunteer for one of the various agencies.

The biggest fund-raising event of the year occurs in November, when the CCUW holds its annual auction. Everyone in the community is invited to attend and bid on some great items donated to the cause.

"Area business and individuals have been very generous with donations to the auctions," said Sandy. She explained that, historically, local businesses find it easier to donate goods and/or services than make a cash donation.

Some items donated in the past have been vacations, car washes and maintenance, hair cuts, tires, tanning sessions, gift baskets and ski passes...the list goes on and on.

Eighteen local non-profit agencies are recipients of funding from the Crawford County United Way program. The 4-H Youth Program, the Ministerial Association and River House Shelter, just to name a few, receive funds.

Those interested in making a donation can send it to: Crawford County United Way, P.O. Box 171, Grayling Mich. 49738.

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Follow-up survey tracks life after high school What happens to Grayling graduates?

by Cheryl Ruley
Special Writer

Grayling High School (GHS) graduates, beginning with the class of 1988, have been invited to participate in the follow-up study of their high school experiences to help implement school improvement plans through the North Central Outcomes Accreditation process.

In an effort to create a school profile, GHS counselor Lynn Thompson, and Jim Haf, Intermediate district data specialist, have the responsibility of analyzing data from surveys returned by graduates who shared their thoughts about life before and after graduation from GHS.

The surveys are mailed out around mid-December. Each graduate is sent three separate surveys. The first survey is sent six months after graduation, the second survey two years following graduation and the third five years after graduation.

Return rates of the survey varied from class to class and from survey to survey, between eight and 46 percent. Because of this low rate of return, no major changes have taken place as a result of the surveys, but some significant trends discovered through the surveys may have an impact upon any future changes in curriculum or school policy.

Surveys show that students who go on to two and four-year post-high school educational institutions tend to follow their plans through to completion.

When asked to rate their classes at GHS, language arts classes rated highest, while social studies classes ranked lowest.

Graduates listed some of the strengths at GHS as caring teachers, the Co-op program, science classes, English classes, college preparatory and advanced placement classes.

Some teachers and staff were mentioned by name in this category. They were Lacey Stephan, Charles Spencer, Nancy Lemmen, David Glicker, Bill Klinger, Michael Dean, Russell Phillips and Robert Woodland.

There were 37 "strengths", mostly academic and staff-related, listed in all.

Weaknesses thought to exist at GHS were led by the remark that classes need to be more difficult and challenging. Some graduates said that they were not prepared enough for the outside world. Some suggested that more attention be given to grammar, speech and health courses. The need for smaller class sizes and a bigger variety of courses was mentioned.

The decline in moral standards, lack of school spirit and too much emphasis on sports or favoritism toward school athletes were also concerns.

Some respondents wished to see more contact with business people and professionals and a more extensive "School-to-Work" transition

program. They would have liked to have had more time on the computers and more guidance with college preparatory classes.

A lot of compliments and thanks were given to the school staff at GHS for friendliness, respect, motivation and the wish that college professors were more like high school teachers.

Overall, most responding graduates seemed to enjoy their high school experience.

In an interview with Joshua Colby, a 1997 GHS graduate, a few other things were brought to light.

Colby suggested that the surveys be sent out at a different time. He said that he didn't fill out his survey because he was in the middle of final exam time at Kirtland Community College (KCC). Colby also suggested the surveys be filled out at the "Meet the Grads" event, held in December each year.

Colby attended the most recent "Meet the Grads" event on Dec. 23, at GHS, and was impressed with the turnout by the alumni.

"There were more grads there than current students for us to meet. There weren't enough chairs and space was a problem," remarked Colby.

According to Colby, most of those in attendance were 1995-1997 graduates attending college or in the military, and were members of the National Honor Society.

Colby is currently attending KCC, working toward an associate's degree in the liberal arts. He may be taking a year off his educational pursuits to play rhythm or lead guitar for "Captive Free," a Christian rock band.

Colby has applied for the musical assignment through Youth Encounter of Minneapolis. If accepted, he will tour a specified region of the country with the band for one year.

In the meantime, Colby continues to work at the Grayling Burger King, serve in the youth ministry of Grayling Baptist Church, attend KCC and play guitar in his local band, "Mustard Seed". Joshua Colby's plate is full just seven months after graduation.

The annual Grayling High School follow-up survey process will continue, regardless of response, because it is a requirement of the North Central Outcomes Accreditation process.

A wider response from graduates would provide Thompson and Haf with a more detailed description of the high school experience from vantage points other than just those who have gone on to college or into military service.

According to Thompson, the surveys are in the process of being revamped to make the forms computer-scannable and faster to fill out by the graduates.

NBD Bank gives \$20,000 to community foundation

The North Central Michigan Community Foundation (NCMCF) has received a \$20,000 gift from NBD Bank. This gift, half of which has already been funded with the balance to be delivered later in 1998, will be applied to operating expenses of NCMCF.

In announcing the gift, NCMCF chairman John W. Wade stated "This is an extremely important gift. A multi-county charitable organization like NCMCF cannot grow, and can-

not do the things it needs to do, without incurring a wide range of operating costs. NBD Bank clearly understood these facts, and stepped forward to help us in a major way."

Wade added, "In talking to representatives of other Community Foundations around the state, it is clear that one of the keys to success is the ability to engage someone to work full time for the Foundation. NCMCF is not in a position to do that yet. But the NBD gift, together with \$12,250 per year for three years from the Council of Michigan Foundations, certainly brings that day closer. And we hope the NBD gift will set a precedent for other gifts from donors who understand that operating support is essential to an effort like ours."

Bill Curnalia, NBD Branch Manager in St. Helen, noted that "NBD Bank generally does not contribute to endowment funds like those established within NCMCF. So we are delighted to be able to provide significant help in an area

when NCMCF needed it."

Patti Moreau, NBD Branch Manager in Roscommon, said "NCMCF is all about helping people, particularly young people. We believe our gift will materially support NCMCF's drive to raise \$2.0 million in permanent endowment funds in order to earn \$1.0 million in matching funds from the Kellogg Foundation for youth programs."

Mark Church, NBD Branch Manager in Houghton Lake, added "Counties like ours and the others in NCMCF will probably always have more charitable needs than dollars available to meet those needs. So we at NBD applaud NCMCF's efforts to raise what is by any measure a very large sum for our area. And we wanted to back that effort in a tangi-

ble way."

Formed in June of 1997, the North Central Michigan Community Foundation serves the counties of Crawford, Iosco, Ogemaw, Oscoda and Roscommon. NCMCF is a tax-exempt, publicly-supported philanthropic organization that operates as a permanent collection of endowed funds for the long-term benefit of its member counties and their residents. NCMCF is seeking \$2.0 million by the end of 1998, so all gifts are important.

Anyone wishing to contribute can do so by writing a check payable to North Central Michigan Community Foundation, P.O. Box 824, Roscommon, MI 48653-0824.

Middle school forensics team competes in Ann Arbor

The Grayling Middle School Forensics team traveled to the University of Michigan campus to compete in the winter state forensic tournament on Saturday, Jan. 10.

Competition was intense as representative from the top 27 Middle Schools in Michigan competed for individual honors.

There were 552 participants among 10 categories.

Gina Rosie placed fifth in the State in storytelling with scores of 100, 100 and 99, for a 299/300 total. Four others tied for first place with three perfect rounds of 100 each.

Cody Meyers placed seventh in the state with scores of 100, 97 and 93 for a 290/300 total. Four other Grayling Middle School students missed placing in the top 10 in the state by one point in the following events:

Informative speaking — Kevin Jozwiak, 289 points; Prose — Lexi Bondar, 293 points and Poetry — Forrest Thompson, 294 points.

The top 10 in each event received trophies or plaques along with state recognition.

Students who received blue ribbons for at least one round with a perfect score of 100 were Rachael Ramaswamy in prose, Gina Rosi in storytelling and Cody Meyers in Improv.

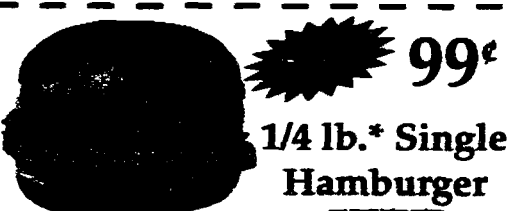
Other students who placed in the top three in any one round were in DUO — Burpee and Tosbia Butts, and Monica Sabin and Jenny Brunell; Poetry — Tasheena Joseph and Bridgette Need, and in storytelling, Charley McNamara and Christopher Newberry.

Forensic coach Bob Gorski was very pleased with the performance of his young squad.

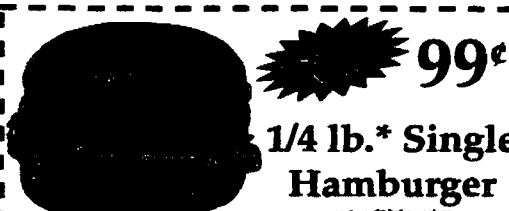
Other members of the team who participated in the state tournament were sixth graders Laura Gorski and Hayley Boardman in Duo; seventh graders Andrew Boardman and Sally Jansen in Duo; Josh Messerschmidt, Matt Strohpaul and Jessie Giltren in Multiple Interpretation; eighth graders John Gardiner in storytelling; Lloyd Winkler in Informative and Nicole Larm in Dramatic Interpretation.

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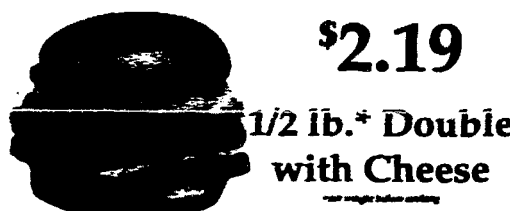
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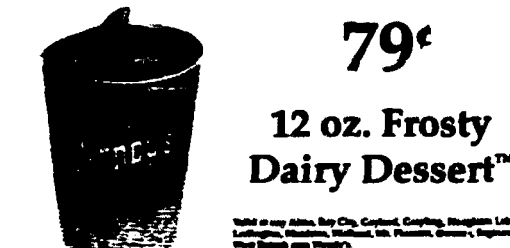
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For further information, call (517) 348-3603 or 1-800-628-5820.

Detection/prevention of osteoporosis will be available at Mercy Hospital

Osteoporosis and associated fractures can rob you of your mobility and independence. With Mercy Hospital's new bone densitometer, early detection and prevention of osteoporosis is available close to home.

"Bone density measurement plays a role in early diagnosis of osteoporosis," said Dr. Patrick McNamara, D.O., Chief of Radiology at Mercy Hospital. "The procedure is safe, noninvasive and painless with Mercy's bone densitometer."

It is estimated that at age 50, a woman has nearly a 40 percent chance of developing an osteoporotic fracture during her remaining lifetime. A woman's lifetime risk of hip fracture alone is equal to the combined risk of developing breast, uterine, and ovarian cancer. Up to 20 percent of women who suffer hip fractures die within one year of the fracture than those of a similar age who haven't suffered a hip fracture.

Osteoporosis is a disease that reduces the strength of your bones, causing them to become brittle and prone to fractures," Dr. McNamara said. "Mercy's new bone densitometer provides physicians with an accurate assessment of their patient's bone health."

Bone densitometry accurately measures the density of the spine, hip and other bones that are the most frequent fracture sites, Dr. McNamara explained.

"Evaluating bone density using conventional X-ray techniques



NEW TECHNOLOGY -- Radiologist Dr. Patrick McNamara (left) and radiology technologist Brian Clock are enthusiastic about new technology for diagnosing osteoporosis at Mercy Hospital in Grayling.

won't reveal a problem until a person has lost at least 30 percent of his or her bone mass and that's just too late," he said. "now, in a matter of minutes, we can get an accurate picture of a person's bone density early enough in the disease to better enable us to make a real difference in the outcome."

Who's At Risk?

Women who are postmenopausal are at risk of osteoporosis. The presence of any one of these factors can add to your risk: early menopause (before age 45), Caucasian race or Asian ethnicity, thin or small build, family history of osteoporosis or osteoporotic fractures, smoking, excessive alcohol use, inactive lifestyle and chronic use of certain

medications (such as steroids, excessive thyroid hormone, and certain anticonvulsants)

You may have none of these risk factors and still be at risk for developing osteoporosis. Some authorities believe that the presence of any of these factors increase the risk of osteoporosis.

"Even if you have none of these risk factors," said Dr. McNamara, "you may still have osteoporosis. A bone density measurement can provide the information your doctor needs to help make a diagnosis."

Until recently, the first evidence of osteoporosis was often a fracture. Now at Mercy we have the highly accurate technology of QTC that can help doctors diagnose osteoporosis early, before advanced bone loss has occurred.

The 15-minute bone densitometry procedure is very different than a bone scan. A bone scan, may help a doctor identify certain bone abnormalities such as infection, inflammation, and requires an injection of radioactive material.

There are several ways to measure bone mineral density. The two most accurate are QCT and DEXA studies. QCT (quantitative computerized tomography) is the method used at Mercy Hospital.

"Bone density measurement is a very simple procedure for the patient and requires no special preparation, medication, or injection," said Dr. McNamara. "The exam merely requires the patient to lie still in any position on the CT (CAT scan) table for 10 minutes. Unlike regular X-rays, this system can detect much smaller changes in bone mass before an insufficiency fracture results."

It's important to find out about bone density. Ask your physician for more information about osteoporosis and bone density measure, or call Mercy Healthline at 1-800-33-MERCY for a free brochure.

IMPORTANT OSTEOPOROSIS FACTS

- More than 25 million Americans have osteoporosis. Four out of five of them are women.

- Osteoporosis is the cause of over 1.33 million fractures annually, including more than 500,000 vertebral fractures, 250,000 hip fractures, and 240,000 wrist fractures

- The direct medical costs of osteoporosis exceed \$10 billion annually in the United States.

- It is estimated that at age 50, a woman has nearly a 40 percent chance of developing an osteoporotic fracture during her remaining lifetime

- A woman's lifetime risk of hip fracture alone is equal to the combined risk of developing breast, uterine, and ovarian cancer.

- Up to 20 percent more patients who suffer hip fractures die within one year of the fracture than those of a similar age and the same sex who haven't suffered a hip fracture.

- Approximately 50 percent of those who suffer a hip fracture never fully recover.

- The effects of osteoporosis-related spinal fracture can include height loss, back pain, rib pain and abdominal pain.

- Women who are postmenopausal are at risk for osteoporosis.

Frederic Community Library Hours

Monday & Tuesday

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& Thursday

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People who need more information on anything, can call the library at 517-348-4067, or stop in

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MGT348	Credits and Collections	Tuesday
MKT301	Principles of Marketing	Tuesday
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ACC342	Michigan Taxation (2.25)	Wednesday
CIS 151	Spreadsheets (2.25) begins 2/18	Wednesday
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MGT306	Human Resource Mgt.	Wednesday
ACC402	Advanced Accounting II	Thursday
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MGT345	Purchasing & Materials Mgt.	Thursday

All classes are held at Gaylord High School from 6:00 - 9:25 pm

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Engler announces grants for child abuse, neglect

Gov. John Engler has announced awarding of \$2 million in new grants for secondary child abuse and neglect prevention programs for children up to three years of age in 34 Michigan counties.

Crawford County is scheduled to receive \$39,774 under the program.

Secondary prevention is offered to a pre-defined group of families or individuals not on the active Children's Protective Services caseload of the Family Independence Agency, but in need of services to keep the family together. Secondary prevention is more problem-focused than primary prevention.

"We're very pleased with the response to our new funding proposal," Engler said. "We had 68 proposals representing 75 counties. That indicates a real interest in protecting children in Michigan communities." A team of 20 raters — ten state-level interdepartmental and ten regional-reviewed and rated the proposals.

The governor also praised the Lieutenant Governor's Children's Commission, noting that "Last month, I signed ten bills based on the commission recommendations, bills that will save children's lives. These new grants will enhance the abilities of communities to protect children even more."

The new grants are in addition to \$7 million recently allocated for programs targeting children and families who have been subjects of unsubstantiated Children's

Protective Services complaints, low-risk substantiated cases, and families in need of other services statewide. All grants are endorsed by local Multi-Purpose Collaborative Bodies. Both sets of grants are based on recommendations by the Lieutenant Governor's Children's Commission.

The secondary prevention grants are designed to foster positive parenting skills; improve parent-child interaction; promote access to needed community services; increase local capacity to serve families at risk; improve school readiness; or support healthy family environments that discourage alcohol, tobacco or other drug use.

Lieutenant Governor Connie Binsfeld said, "Michigan's children are our state's most precious natural resource. These grants are an important investment in our future. Above all else, we must protect our children and ensure that they grow up in a safe environment."

Family Independence Agency Director Marva Livingston Hanimons stressed the significance of funding programs at the local level saying, "The mutual involvement of families and communities is essential to the success of our prevention efforts. Including parents in decision-making and working with public and private organizations, schools, faith-based organizations and others will improve child safety outcomes for children and families."

Crawford community helped 'Toys for Tots' success

The United States Marine Corps Toys for Tots program was a definite success, thanks to the overwhelming generosity of the Crawford County Community.

Volunteers at Crawford County Family Independence Agency sponsored the event, they had originally hoped to reach 10 to 12 children, and in the end nearly 40 children in 14 families were assisted. Donations came in to the Northland Area Federal Credit Union, Crawford County Sheriff's Department, and Beaver Creek and Frederic Township Offices.

Toys for Tots volunteers got off to a late start, but the speedy response from people like Jeanette Kitchen, Bob Andrus, and the Broad Jumpers Biking Club, just to name a few, soon made it

clear the program would exceed its goal.

Many behind the scene individuals such as Tina and Sara Bassett, Diane Monks, Paige Allyn and Roscommon Deputies Sheppard and Farr, assisted greatly in completing the program.

The 1997 Toys for Tots program also had assistance from some very unusual elves.

They arrived riding motorcycles, wearing leather and carrying toys.

The Board Jumpers, as they are called, is made up of three charters with many riders throughout the state. They work all year raising funds and collecting toys for children.

The Crawford County Toys for Tots program was one of the recipients of their collected goodies making it possible to double the amount of children the program was able to help.



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ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Crystal ball comes out of the closet

FAITHFUL READERS of *The Almanack* — identified as my wife, two doubting-in-laws and an ambitious Copy person — have been asking: Where are *The Almanack* predictions for things to come in the new year?

They can wait no longer. But first, how clear was the 1997 crystal ball?

Not bad, overall. "Gov. Engler will finally announce toward year's end that he will indeed run for a third term," we wrote last January.

Pretty much on target, except it was in July and it was his wife who spilled the beans. But we'll take a "Bingo" on that one.

The Democratic picture for governor, we foresaw, "will still be muddy at year's end." Well, yes and no. It's down to Larry Owen and Doug Ross, so the picture has cleared considerably. About a half-bingo.

In Washington, "much talk will bring no action on campaign finance reform. Welfare changes enacted in 1996 will stay about the same. Medicare will be studied, but not changed significantly" bingo, bingo, bingo.

We foresaw uneasiness in the U.S. House: "Although Speaker Newt Gingrich may be elected to another term (which he was, after quelling an internal uprising), he will be out of that job before the 105th Congress adjourns."

One more year to go before we admit mud in the crystal ball on that one.

LET'S TURN to 1998:

One of the largest controversies in the Michigan Legislature will be this year's highway bill. Gov. Engler has been intent on grabbing local roads for state control. Local interests by and large will prevail.

In the 1998 election, Republicans will maintain control of the Michigan Senate and regain control of the House by a thin margin.

The courts will support Michigan term limits amendment; voters will grow comfortable with short term legislators and learn to like the new system.

Michigan's congressional delegation will remain about the same. Despite targeting by political opponents, U.S. Reps. Debbie Stabenow, Nick Smith, David Bonior, Dale Kildee and Lynn Rivers all will win again. In fact, all Michigan incumbents will be reelected.

PRESIDENT CLINTON will continue to sail along, sort of floating in office, making no big waves, launching no big offensives, still searching for his eventual presidential destiny.

No significant mud will stick on the President, either.

In the 1998 elections, Republicans will maintain control of both houses of Congress.

Vice President Al Gore will continue to slip in the early 2000 presidential maneuvering, and other Democrats in addition to Rep. Dick Gephardt will push their own candidacies.

Gov. George Bush will continue to lead Republican speculation, but many others will test the race, poke around, and stay available. It's still early.

AT HOME, Frank Kelley will haul it in and won't run for another term as attorney general. The

specter of Dick Austin's fate keeps Mr. Kelley awake on some nights.

Republicans will settle on a relatively safe outsider, such as Scott Romney, for attorney general.

Lt. Gov. Connie Binsfield will bow out gracefully, and Mr. Engler will anoint Sen. Dick Posthumous, his political soul mate, for his running mate as well.

Larry Owen will win the Democratic primary over Doug Ross. If it's close, he'll ask Mr. Ross to join the ticket. If not, he'll turn to a woman, possibly former Rep. Tracy Yokich of Macomb County.

In November, Mr. Engler will win big.

NOW FOR the important stuff:

The Miami Marlins will not repeat as World Series champs, and won't even win their division.

The Detroit Tigers will continue to improve, but not challenge.

The University of Michigan football team will win the Big Ten again, but will not be undefeated.

Michigan State's football team will get better, moving up; to eight wins next season.

The Detroit Lions will continue to flounder as long as Scott Mitchell is their top quarterback.

See you next year.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

FROM OUR CORNER

by Whitey Madsen

Columnist reverses stand...

Readers do write, sometimes... such as this letter...

To: "Saint" Whitey Madsen... Clinton, Hussein, Sprewell, Madsen,

Only one among them is a saint — Madsen — he can do or say no wrong — in his opinion.

Doesn't he have anything good to say about anybody?

In my opinion Madsen belongs at the head of the list!

Wonder if he ever makes a mistake!

Very Sincerely yours,
Dolores Laurich,
Dearborn, Mich.

After receiving the above letter, and it being the time for New Year's resolutions, I have decided to stop being so cynical (especially toward our president) and return to my former lovable self.

I have to admit, I was all wrong in my last column about Clinton, Hussein and Sprewell...I probably should add her Highness Hillary for remarks about her.

Anyway, here is what I should have written.

President Clinton again proved that he was vindicated on any wrong doing by Attorney General Janet Reno. I don't blame him for forgetting about phone calls he made from his office...after all the voters put him there.

I shouldn't have written about Atty. Gen. Reno saying she wouldn't be pressured by congress or the media. After all, she doesn't have to answer to them...she works at the will of her boss who put her where she is at.

I believe FBI director Louis Freeh was off-base when he tried to tell

Atty. Gen. Reno how she should do her job. His job is to keep the doors open at the FBI headquarters so members of the administration can check the files on persons they dislike.

This past year or so, I shouldn't have written about globe-trotting Hillary...after all the aircraft was just sitting on the runway, and the personnel were probably playing checkers in the hangar. Besides, the Secret Service agents had to earn their keep.

We will now leave the White House and head for Baghdad, Iraq and Saddam Hussein's palaces...and tell it how it should be with the United Nations and United States meddling there.

I shouldn't have condemned Hussein for hiding his weapons, after all it is his country. The U.S. and U.N. have no business inspecting his palaces for chemical and biological weapons when he is only storing them to be used in the defense of Iraq against U.S. war mongers.

I should have written that the U.S. and U.N. should recall all of the inspectors to avoid all this fuss and the money it is costing this trivial pursuit.

We will leave Iraq and head for Bosnia, and tell you what I should have written.

I think that was a great gesture on the part of our president to visit the troops just before Christmas. I'm sure the troops appreciated it even though he didn't stick around to share a Christmas dinner with them.

I should have written that I agree with the president to keep our troops there forever...no reason to set a specific withdrawal date is there?

While we are at playing war

games, may I suggest we consider sending troops to Ireland to help stop their religious fighting between the Catholics and Protestants...also to Israel and Algiers where ethnic groups keep killing each other.

I sincerely believe like all staunch Democrats that the president has done nothing wrong...and everything from the travel agency to entertaining those deep pockets at the White House has been above-the-table.

His legacy will go into the history books along side these former great presidents, Herbert Hoover, Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, Jimmy Carter to name a few.

PLAYER ROBBED OF \$32 MILLION

I should have written that it was all coach PJ Carlesimo's fault for hollering at Golden State Warriors all-star NBA player Latrel Sprewell that made him allegedly choke the coach and threaten to kill him.

The team should have fired the coach and given Sprewell a raise instead of tearing up his \$32 million contract and suspending him for a year.

I should have agreed with attorney Johnnie Cochrane when he said that the NBA's suspension for a year was excessive punishment. Also with Charles Barkley of the Houston Rockets when he advocated that the players should boycott the games.

After all it is demeaning to the million-dollar players when a coach supposedly verbally abuses them in front of their peers. Fans come to watch the players perform and not the coach, all he should do is take up a seat on the bench. Isn't that right?

There. Now I will just have to

wait and see how long my resolution to be non-cynical and write columns that will be approved by all the readers of my trivia.

What others have said...

***APPLESAUCE:** The Food and Drug Administration is calling for warning labels on unpasteurized apple juice, also known as cider. But why stop there? Why not put warning labels on apples? After all, look what happened when Eve ate one.

***MISSING IN ACTION:** The House Government Reform Committee, which is investigating fund-raising misdeeds by the Bill Clinton presidential re-election campaign, notes the 46 potential witnesses have invoked their Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination; 12 have left the country and 12 non-citizens have declined to be interviewed.

***WHAT'S THE POINT:** The Food and Drug Administration last week approved a pill to cure baldness among men. The pill reportedly has only one major side effect: impotence. We wonder how many men will go for that trade-off.

By the way...it has been a struggle during my 70 plus years to remain infallible...right now, I'd have an orange pop if I had a cold one...

"Nuf said..."

Here are snowmobile rules to follow

With the promise of more snow in the forecast, I'd like to remind everyone of some of the most important safety rules and laws promoting safe snowmobiling.

1. Never drink and drive. The laws governing drinking and driving are very similar to the ones which are enforced on cars.

2. Never drive on the wrong side of the road, opposing traffic flow. Nearly every year the Crawford County Sheriff's Office handles a fatal accident in which a snowmobile is hit by a car with these circumstances.

3. Always maintain a safe and reasonable speed. A person shall not operate a snowmobile at a rate of speed greater than is reasonable and proper having due regard for conditions which exist. The speed limit on county roads is 20 MPH by county ordinance.

4. Operation on roadways is

restricted to the extreme right portion of county maintained roads. Operation on state highways is not permitted, I.E. M-72, M-93, I-75.

5. Last, but most important is safety. Follow the simple safety rules, such as never snowmobile alone, being alert to avoid fences and low strung wires and always letting someone know the area you will be operating in.

With these and just a few more rules followed, snowmobiling will become safer for all of us. The Crawford County Sheriff's office currently has two snowmobile officers, who will patrol Crawford County, to promote safety and enforce the laws regarding snowmobiling.

If you have any questions regarding the laws or instruction on the safe use of snowmobiles, please feel free to contact deputies Dave Krug or Norm Poll at (517) 348-4616.

WANTED OLD PHOTOS!

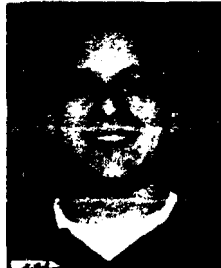
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Betty asks...

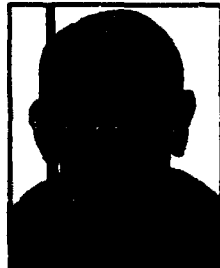
Question of the week:

Now that the holidays are over, what do you do to relax?



Jeremy Colby
Grayling, MI

"I'm trying to learn how to play the guitar and spending time with my friends."



Frank Harrington
Grayling, MI

"I like to sleep and watch TV."



Bridget Harland
Grayling, MI

"We just moved into a new house and spend our free time fixing it up."



Linda Stephens
Grayling, MI

"I like to cook for my friends and dream about my next trip to New York."

There you have it...I use to like to watch TV to relax but, when remote control came along...so did "Remote Man"...now, I read or sew.

Betty Pearl
Advertising Representative
Crawford County Avalanche

This week's question was asked Friday in the Grayling area

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AVALANCHE DEADLINES

Community news items submitted to the Avalanche must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in our Wednesday issue.

Letters to the Editor and photographs must be turned in by Friday noon to be considered for the next issue. Please use every other line.

Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid in advance or they will not be published. Classified display ads must be turned in by Monday noon.

Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday, 5 p.m.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday, 5 p.m.

BRIEFS

American Red Cross needs your help

The Red Cross is looking for "good people" with an interest in local disaster assistance. Disaster training classes will be offered during the week of Jan. 14 through Jan. 17, 1998.

If you are seeking excitement, fulfillment, and a sense of accomplishment please call (517) 732-7161 or (800) 691-6059 to register or for additional information.

Lions Lucky 13 winner

Lions Lucky 13 first winner is Carol Hallett. She won \$100.

Luncheon to be held at St. John's

The Ladies of St. John Lutheran Church will host a luncheon and card party, Wednesday, Jan. 21, in the fellowship beginning at 12 noon.

State Rep. Lowe sets office hours

State Rep. Allen Lowe (R-Grayling), has scheduled office hours with Crawford County residents on Friday, Jan. 23.

The 105th District lawmaker is available from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Circuit Court Room at the Crawford County Courthouse in Grayling.

"No appointment is necessary, and everyone should feel free to stop by," Lowe said. "I am eager to listen to the concerns of local residents."

For additional information call Lowe at (517) 373-0829.

Travelogue to Puerto Rico

The Crawford AuSable Community Educations Third Travel and Adventure Series will feature Puerto Rico on Thursday, Jan. 15.

Tickets are \$4 adults and \$3.50 for students and senior citizens and may be purchased at the door. The doors open at 6:45 p.m. to the Joseph Stripe Auditorium, and the journey begins at promptly 7:30 p.m.



HELPING HAND -- John Sojka had plenty of opportunity to provide his usual friendly helping hand to those in need as he cleared snow from cars at his Thursday bridge group. Photo by Shirley Schmoock.

Val Johnston inducted as president of Kiwanis



HIKSON AWARD -- Bob Bovee received the Hixson award for Kiwanians' donations for children's health, presented by Toby Shambarger.

Val Johnston became the new president of the Kiwanis Club of Grayling for the 1997-1998 club year when she was inducted in October.

The induction took place at the annual fall dinner held by the club at the Grayling Holiday Inn. Joe Hoag of Crystal Lake, Kiwanis District 21 lieutenant-governor, was the inducting officer.

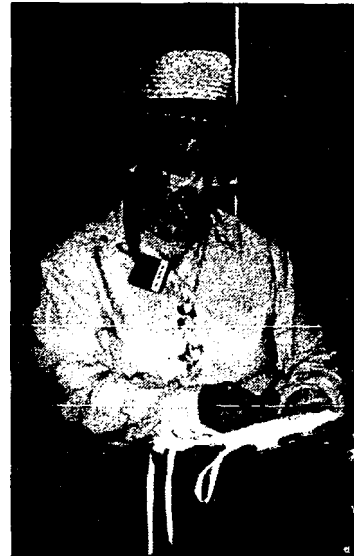
Other officers inducted at the same time were Brian McMahon, president-elect; Tammie Kent, vice-president; Ron Joyce, treasurer; and Bob Bovee, secretary.

Part of the program consisted of entertainment by the "Energizers" of Kalkaska, Dawn McKellar, Diane Needham, and John Freeman.

Following the induction, Toby Shambarger, out-going president, gave a surprise presentation to Bob Bovee when he presented him with the George F. Hixson award. The award represented a \$1,000 donation in Bovee's name to the International Kiwanis Foundation for their IDD (iodine deficiency disorder) campaign to rid the world's children of goiters and cretinism, a form of mental retardation, caused by lack of iodine in their salt. The money was raised from pocket change from club members as all fund-raisers in the community go back into the community.

Entertainment was furnished by

Ann Doty and Ruth Beckwith who led the group in line dancing in keeping with the western theme of the dinner and evening.



KIWANIS LEADER -- Valerie Johnston has been elected Kiwanis Club president.

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FRI 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HS EXAMS END OF 1ST SEMESTER. Early dismissal for all students beginning with HS @ 11:30 am. END OF 1ST SEMESTER adult ed. VAR & JV BBB vs. Standish Sterling, away, 6:15 pm.
SAT 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VAR VOLLEYBALL @ Gaylord Invitational, 8:30 am. VAR WRESTLING @ Ithaca Tournament, 10 am. JV VOLLEYBALL @ Tawas Invitational, 8 am.
SUN 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today.
MON 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KIWANIS CLUB meeting @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon. AMERICAN ASSOCIATION of Retired Persons meeting @ COA office, 1:30 pm. 2ND SEMESTER adult ed begins. Registration @ HS 6-9:30 pm. SCHOOL BOARD meeting @ GE conference room, 7 pm. FRESH BBB vs. Standish Sterling, home, 6 pm. JV VOLLEYBALL @ Standish Sterling, 6 pm.
TUES 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION dinner meeting @ 5:30 pm. Call Cathy @ 348-8076 for more information. CONCERNED CITIZENS for animals meeting @ Milltown Groomers, 7 pm. For more information call 348-4117. AUSABLE RIVER CANOE MARATHON meeting @ Mini Mall race office, 7 pm. GPA MEETING @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon. MS BBB vs. Whitmore Prescott, 7th away, 8th home, 6 pm. VAR & JV BBB vs. Standish Sterling, home, 6:15 pm. ADD/ADHD parents support group meeting @ MS conference room, 7-9 pm, guest speaker Joanne Riesschleger of Bayside Counseling, Houghton Lake. For information call 348-7641, ext. 527/528.
WED 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ROTARY MEETING @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon. WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, M-72 West; weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting, 5:30 pm. For more information call Mary, 348-5306. LIONS CLUB meeting @ Breaker's Steak House, 6:30 pm. COA BOARD MEETING @ Senior Citizen Center, 308 Lawndale, 5:30 pm. MS BBB vs. Roscommon, 7th away, 7th home, 5 pm. JV VOLLEYBALL vs. Standish Sterling, home, 6 pm. VAR VOLLEYBALL vs. Tawas & Oscoda @ Oscoda, 6 pm.

City pulls plug on sidewalk projects

Grayling City Council this week (Jan. 12) put its annual sidewalk repair and rebuilding program on the back burner for at least a year.

Council had discussed the annual project a few weeks ago, and given the go ahead to its consulting engineers to start looking at the 1998 tentative sidewalk project.

But a 5-0 vote decided to delay.

Council Member Bob Golnick made the motion that no sidewalk program be undertaken this year and to do a survey of street needs instead.

Council Member Bob Ruddy seconded, and said "we have reached the point to take a hard look at some of our programs."

City Manager Jerry W. Morford

pointed out that an inventory of street needs could not be started for several weeks, and the council's action effectively ruled out any sidewalk program for this year. Council members agreed.

Annual sidewalk rebuilding has been funded from the city income tax, and a continuing uncertainty exists as to whether the wording of the city income tax proposal when it was adopted legally permits use of income tax funds for sidewalks.

The prevailing interpretation so far has been that the income tax ordinance permits use of tax funds for sidewalks as well as streets.

Ruddy commented that "there are a lot of pros and cons" on the income tax question, and "I'm not comfortable with this project this year."

Council Member D. J. Brown, one of those who has been wary about the legality of using income tax funds for sidewalks, renewed her request that the city attorney provide a new interpretation of whether paying for sidewalk projects from income tax proceeds is proper. Morford said he would pursue the opinion.

The question arose when Richards and Associates of Traverse City, consulting engineers for the city, submitted a "tentative sidewalk project to be constructed in 1998," carrying an estimated cost of \$295,000. "We are proposing a project that would be bounded by Elm St., along which sidewalks were constructed this past summer; Michigan Ave., along which sidewalks were con-

structed a few years ago; and North Down River Rd." Leonard W. Graf, engineer with the Richards firm, said in a letter.

The proposal does not include any sidewalks along North Down River Rd.

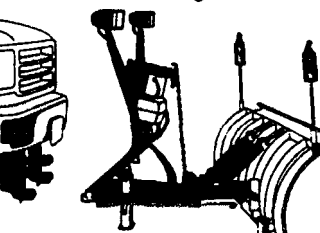
Graf's tentative schedule called for construction between May 15 and August 15.

That's all put to one side now, but Morford pointed out that preliminary work done on the delayed sidewalk project would not be lost but could be resurrected and used when and if the program is resumed.

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

One criminal sexual conduct, three assaults, one burglary, one larceny, two property damage, five public peace, four OUIL/OUID and five health and safety.

One InvalPriv, eight miscellaneous crimes, two minors, 10 accidents, four non-traffic accidents, one parking violation, six snowmobiles, and three false alarms.

Five InspVeh, one InspProp, one civil/FT, six SuspSit, one lost and found, three missing persons, five general assistance and 10 general non-criminal calls.

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The Bible Speaks

Bird Morality

From the Calvary Baptist Church

Bird morality received global attention recently when 1.3 million chickens were slaughtered in Hong Kong in an effort to stop the spread of the avian H5N1 virus. You may have read the following news release: "HONG KONG, Dec. 31 (Reuters)—Buddhist monks chanted soothing mantras on Wednesday to pacify the souls of more than a million dead birds in Hong Kong, slaughtered to contain a deadly 'bird flu virus'.... Abbot Wing Sink, in yellow and red robes, said he hoped the more than one million Buddhists in Hong Kong would pray to appease the angry souls of the dead, but innocent, birds. 'We hope everyone will pray to dissolve this huge disaster,' Wing told reporters during a pause in his prayers. 'Without dissolving this thick air of resentment, disasters could happen, huge disasters.'" The article concluded, "The abbot said people should not take lightly the massacre of the birds. 'The lives of these chickens are still lives, like human lives. These chickens were humans before. Humans now could be chickens in later lives,' Wing said."

Are birds hatched with reincarnated human souls? Do those who eat their meat become cannibals? Is it wrong to eat animal or bird flesh? The above article illustrates how religions affect morality. The above defense of massacred chicken lives as innocent, angry souls which were once human, reminds us of the vast difference between belief in reincarnation and the Christian hope of a resurrection. God gave us flesh to eat. (Genesis 9:2-3) "And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered. {3} Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things." Does this mean that God does not care about poor birds? (Luke 12:6-7) "Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God? {7} But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows." God cares about the stewardship of all life on earth, but He cares most about humans. Only humans were created as living souls in the image of God.

(Genesis 1:27) "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." This is why God made a vast difference between killing human life and killing any other form of life on earth. (Genesis 9:6) "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man." Is it morally right to kill 1.3 million chickens to spare the lives of endangered human beings? Jesus said in Mark 8:36: "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? One human soul is worth more than all chickens and spotted owls. This is why God sent His Son to die on the cross for our sins. (John 3:16) "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at: <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Hearthland/Ranch/1263/>

Pastor "B"

MILITARY NEWS

Jonathon C. Thomas, a junior at the Calvary Baptist School, enlisted into the 1438th Engineer Detachment at Camp Grayling on Jan. 7th. as a 62E, Heavy Construction Equipment Operator. Jon enlisted under the split-training program which allows him to attend basic training during the summer between his junior and senior year of high school.

As a Heavy Construction Equipment Operator, he will operate crawlers, wheeled tractors with dozer attachments, scoop loaders, motorized graders, and towed or self-propelled scrapers.

Jon will be attending basic training this summer at Fort Knox, Ky. He is the son of Rex and Karen Thomas of Grayling.



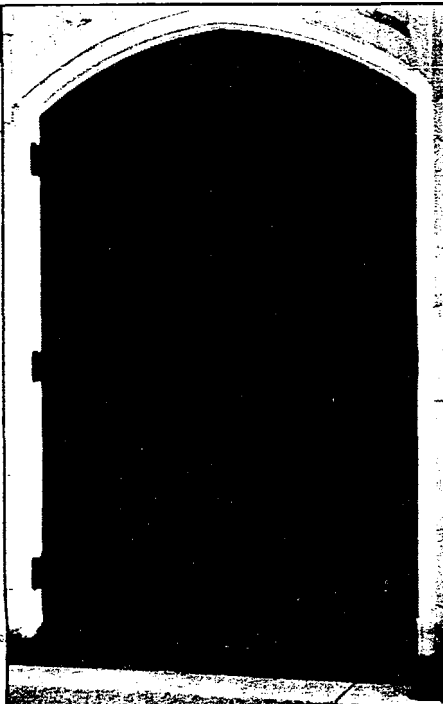
LITURGICAL DANCERS -- Not only does St. Francis Episcopal Church have a very talented choir, led by Karen and Dave Ross and Clyde Holzbauer, they now have liturgical dancers. Pictured above are: bottom, left to right, Kara Longendyke, Jamie Pinkelman and Chelsea Green. Top, left to right, Felicia Phillips, Jill St. Germain, Jackie Murphy and Ashley Longendyke. The Louise Tournaud School of Dance dancers performed at the Christmas Eve candlelight service, and will become a regular liturgical dance group. "We enjoy liturgical dancing because it gives us a chance to use some of our God-given gifts to worship," said instructor Louise Tournaud.

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Heaven Hinges on the Heart



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Sunday Worship... 10 am
Sunday School... 11:15 am
Coffee Fellowship... 12 noon
Bible Study (Wed.)... 10 am

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor David Stramel
Phone 348-4445
Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance).
Church Service... 9:30 am
Sabbath School... 10:30 am
Prayer Meeting Tues... 7 pm

Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling
Sunday School... 10 am
Sunday Service & Children's Church... 11 am
Sunday Evening Service... 6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting... 7 pm
Wednesday Bible Study... 7 pm
Thursday Discipleship Class... 7 pm

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Sunday School... 9:30 am
Morning Worship... 10:30 am
Evening Service... 6 pm
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children... 7 pm

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Sacrament... 10 am
Sunday School... 11 am
Primary... 11 am
Priesthood... 12 noon
Relief Society... 12 noon

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Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
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Sunday School... 9:45 am
Morning Worship... 11 am
Evening Worship... 6 pm
Wednesday... 7 pm

St. John Evangelical Lutheran (ELCA)
Bible School... 9:15 am
Adult Bible Study... 9:15 am
Sunday Worship... 10:30 am
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Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Pastor Patricia Fowler
North Down River Rd. at 1030 Glenn Rd.
P.O. Box 1188
Church School... 9:45 am
Preaching... 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer... 7 pm

Gaylord Christian Reformed
Rev. V. Schaap
415 Ohio North, Gaylord
Sunday School... 9:45 am
Morning Worship... 11 am
Evening Service... 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study... 7:30 pm

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community
Robert W. Nally, J.V., Pastor
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Sabbath Eucharist
Saturday Vigil... 5 pm
Sunday Mass... 8 am
Family Mass... 10:30 am
Sunday Family Bible Study/Sharing... 9:30 am
Daily Masses... 9:30 am
Wednesday & 1st, 3rd & 5th Friday... 8:30 am
Daily Worship... 8:30 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation, one hour prior to Saturday Vigil Mass, or by appt.

First Baptist Church of Frederic
Pastor Dale Hammond
Sunday School... 9:45 am
Morning Worship... 11 am
Evening Worship... 6 pm
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study... 7 pm

Harvest Time Church of God
Pastor Fred Coates
506 North Birch St., Kalkaska
(616) 258-3448
Sunday School... 10 am
Worship Service... 11 am & 6 pm
Family Training Hour and Prayer... 7 pm

Calvary Baptist church
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor
M-72 West
Sunday School... 9:45 am
Morning Worship... 10:30 am
Evening Worship... 6 pm
Mid-Week Services
Wednesday... 7 pm
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.)... 7 pm

Church of Christ
Larry Turner, Minister
Old US-27 at Skyline Rd. • 275-4388
Sunday Classes... 10:30 am
Sunday Worship... 11:15 am
Sunday Evening... 6 pm
Wednesday... 7 pm
Mid-Week Bible Study... 7 pm

Bear Lake Christian
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.
Sunday School... 9 am
Sunday Service... 10 am

The Church of Christ with the Eliza Message
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Sunday Worship... 10 am & 7 pm
Wed. Prayer Service... 7 pm

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Sunday Worship... 11 am & 6:30 pm
Wednesday Evening... 7 pm

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Morning Worship... 11 am
Evening Service... 6 pm
Wednesday Service... 7 pm

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Sunday School... 10:30 am

Lovells Chapel
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Chapel Service... 11 am
Wednesday Prayer Meeting... 7-8 pm

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Morning Service... 11 am
Evening Service... 6 pm
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday)... 7 pm

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Sunday Worship... 10:30 am
Tuesday Weekday School... 5 pm
Wednesday Bible Study... 9 am
Thursday Women's Bible Study... 9 am

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Morning Praise... 10:30 am
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Children's Sunday School... 9:30 am
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Adult Choir Practice (Wednesday)... 6:45 pm

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The Icemen cometh

New ice plant nearing completion

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

An entirely new ice production facility is being outfitted north of Grayling on Old US 27. The Northern Pure Ice company will occupy the former Al Bennett Ford building, and owners expect to be producing ice for distribution across the state by mid-April of this year.

Eleven years ago, an environmental study of this site was commissioned by Al Bennett Ford, due to suspected underground contamination. The study was concluded, but the bill for the work was never paid. It was this document which successfully brought together a coalition of icemen from across the state and Michigan's Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to remedy the situation and to put the building and property back on the tax roles.

"We paid for the work, we all knew what had to be done, and we began doing it," said Robert Reutter, President of O'Dell Ice Co. of Lansing. Reutter will become the new Executive Manager of Northern Pure when it begins operations in Grayling, and he has been on the scene for many months, overseeing the cleanup.

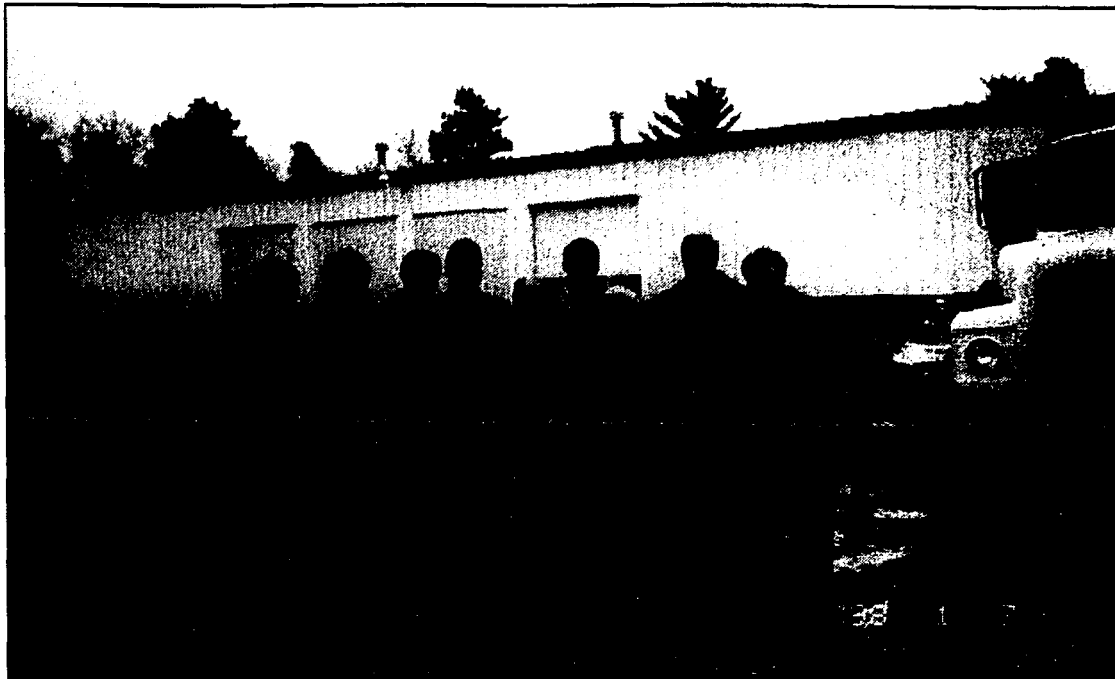
"With this environmental study," concurred Steve Takacs, geologist for the Environmental Response Division of the DEQ, "Northern Ice began to track the sources of the contamination. When this was done, they sank the test wells and proceeded to remedy the groundwater problems at the site. There was some problem with a leaking storage tank, another with a dry well and floor drain connected to an old cement vault, and a third source coming from an abandoned oil tank."

The down gradient of the groundwater flow from the Al Bennett site, said Takacs, was cleaned up first. "They wanted to remove all stigma attached to this property, because they are tapping directly into the aquifer below," he said.

Northern Pure Ice has been drilling a well deep into this aquifer, and before they can use the water, the site must be cleared by the state's drinking water and radiological protection division of the DEQ. From this approved water supply, the company will begin the production process for making, packaging and shipping purified ice.

But not before it goes through an extensive purification process.

"This ice will be crystal clear," said Charles Knowlton, a partner in



ICE PARTNERS — Partners in the new ice company in Grayling are (back row) Dave Taylor, Bill Rock, Steve Knowlton, Geoff Lewandowski, Richard Robinson. Front row: Bob Reutter, Mickey and Agnes Knowlton, Chuck Knowlton. Photo by Shirley Schmoock.

the venture and co-owner of Partytime Ice of Birch Run. "We'll be starting production at the rate of 200 tons a day. Our equipment is fully automated, it's high tech, and it's all stainless steel — food grade."

Preparing to launch this new business is a unique partnership comprised of several ice manufacturers and ice distributors. The participants are O'Dell Ice of Coleman, which services the ice needs for the Mid-upper Michigan; Storm's Ice of Rogers City, which has been purchased by the new company and services Higgins Lake and north; Mid-Michigan Ice of the Bay City-Saginaw area, which is owned by partner, Bruce Brown, and will now distribute to the Soo area; Partytime Ice of Birch Run, which services the Metro Detroit area; and Richard Robinson of R & K Trucking. The Huron Ice Company of Ubley, owned by Gary Bismack, will also become a partner.

Partytime Ice distributor, Steve Knowlton of Ypsilanti, Dave Taylor of Party Pure Ice in Flint, and Geoff Lewandowski of Partytime - Ypsilanti, are likewise partners in Northern Ice, as is Bill Rock, plant production manager of Partytime from the company's Port Huron facility.

Yet other principals from Partytime Ice participating in the merger are Mickey, Agnes, and Charles Knowlton, Partytime's



ICEMEN DRILL WELL — John D'Amour, Health Department Director, observes deep well being drilled into aquifer at the new ice company location. Photo by Shirley Schmoock.

office manager, Barb Adler, and its district manager from Utica, Suzanne Knowlton.

Operating staff at the new Grayling facility will be Marc Haring, production manager; Jim Forsberg, operations manager; and Reutter. The company will employ both semi and delivery truck drivers, and actively will be seeking employees by mid-April.

The production facility, when the new addition is completed, will cover approximately 20,000 square feet of production and packaging space. It will employ 25 production workers.

Strata Environmental Services of Mason is supervising the cleanup of the site.

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Inge Mazza of Mio is a member of Michigan Quilt Network (MQN) is the person teaching the one-day class. MQN is a statewide organization for individual quilters who either could not get to a guild or wanted to network with other quilters from all over the state. MQN has now over 800 members and networks via a newsletter and annual show case in September.

The sewers will meet at St. Mary's Church Family Center, 709 Spruce St. in Grayling. During the class, you will be able to copy Inge's pattern pieces for six different size mittens from sizes infant to grandpa.

The first pair of mittens will be donated to River House Shelter and others can go to family and friends or your favorite charity. The cost of the class is \$5 which will be sent to the MQN.

Supplies you'll need to bring with you: Sewing machine, thread, scissors for paper and fabric, old sweaters or sweatshirts, fabric pieces, robe velour, flannel (print or solids), anything that can be sewn on the sewing machine, batting for warmth, 3/8" elastic and safety pin, pins, freezer paper to copy patterns, extension cord, extra needles for sewing machine as well as hand sewing. Pencil and paper for note taking. Don't forget a big smile and a name tag! Bring own lunch and beverage.

If you have any questions, call Inge at (517) 826-3601. Be prepared for a fun-filled day!

Holidays close state offices

All 178 Secretary of State branch offices will be closed in observance of state holidays during January and February. The branch offices will be closed for: Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, January 19; and Presidents Day on Monday, February 16.

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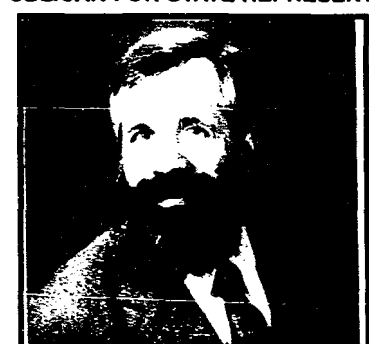


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'The Dreams of a Queen'

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

As the Grayling Junior Miss Pageant nears, the young women involved in the series of events leading up to the naming of the next "Miss Grayling" have done much preparation work. And, chances are they are currently dreaming the dreams of becoming the next queen.

They have written essays regarding their dreams and goals. They have also labored through dance and fitness routines designed to show off their talent and pizzazz.

As the group of 13 moves into the final weeks before the competition, the hours tick away and anticipation grows. Mothers hem evening gowns and losing those last few pounds eludes those questing after that slippery goal.

The question, of course, is simply, why did you join the pageant? And snow or no snow, these are unique days and unique experiences for everyone involved.

A series of questions were asked the contestants, and many of their answers were most interesting. Perhaps the most revealing was — What would you do to improve your community's image?

The answer given by most of the young women, in one form or another, was "I'd gather a lot of people together and clean the streets, remodel or tear down the old buildings, and plant lots of flowers." Who says teenagers are self-focused and full of themselves?

In closer profile, the contestants will prove anything but — and they are:

Jamie Lynn Anderson Jamie's a 5'-5" hazel-eyed blonde whose career goal is to become a veterinarian and attend Michigan State University. Her high school activities have been and are pompom squad, softball, band, National Honor Society, and achieving a place in Who's Who among American High School Students.

The politician she admires most is Abraham Lincoln, "because he had the courage to stand up for the rights

of other people."

Jamie believes the most pressing problem facing today's youth is teen pregnancy, and to deal with the problem, she would "promote safe sex and abstinence."

Jenny French Jenny is 5'-1" with brown hair and blue eyes. Her career goal is to become a computer graphic designer and attend Central Michigan University. She's been involved in the drama club in school and likes problem solving because "I have to think harder."

gist. Her favorite subject is algebra "because I'm good at it."

Her current volunteer activities are at Mercy Hospital, and she likes skiing, basketball, cheerleading and football. Christa defines success as "a goal or a project that you have finished and completed well. I want my own company some day, and to achieve this, I have to go to college."

Christa would improve her community "by picking up the litter and cleaning up the drug problems."

She was also first runner-up in the 1996 Crawford County Miss Teen pageant and took a second in the 1996 County Fair Talent Show program.

She describes herself as "committed and spontaneous," and she admires Martin Luther King, "because he was willing to stand up for what he believed in — no matter what others thought of him." Heather also says "I love the way my community comes together in a time of need."

Jean Anne Zelek

Jean is 5'-5" with brown hair and eyes. She wants to become a physical therapist and was recognized as the most improved player on the tennis team this year. She particularly enjoys Spanish "because I enjoy learning about a culture that is so different from ours."

Jean belongs to the National Honor Society and is on the pompom squad. She's been baby-sitting, and hopes to attend Adrian or Grand Valley when she graduates.

She's choreographed her own dance number for the pageant, and Jean joined the group to grow intellectually and "become a more confident person. Drugs and alcohol are a major concern of the community's youth."



CANDIDATES -- Back row: from left, Heather Bonamie, Crystal Pilon, Jenny French, Crista Gothro. In front: Emily Weaver, Heidie Wallace Photo by Shirley Schmoock.

Jenny volunteers at River House Shelter all year, and has joined the pageant group "to have fun and get to know some of my classmates." She describes herself as caring, fun and outgoing, and believes that "drug abuse is the problem most pressing upon today's youth."

She does appreciate that her generation has the "ability to get along with each other," and most admires Rosa Parks as a woman "who stood her ground and made people respect her."

Sara Ann Bassett

Sara is 5'-5" with light brown hair and blue eyes. Her career goal is to become a pediatric surgeon and attend University of Michigan. Her student activities have been Student Senate Executive Board, softball, pompoms captain, National Honor Society, and she's waitressed at Gates AuSable Lodge during summertime.

Sara is also on America's student Who's Who list, the Honor Roll, and volunteers at Mercy Hospital.

Sara joined the pageant activities "to compete for scholarships, display my talents, and have fun with old and new friends." She describes herself as independent, and believes "there's not enough funding for technology in schools."

Christa Lynn Gothro Christa is 5'-7" with brown hair and brown eyes. She wants to be a cosmetologist.



CANDIDATES -- From left: Jamie Anderson, Heidie Wallace, Brie Blaauw, Jessica Becks. Photo by Shirley Schmoock.

Heather Anne Bonamie

Heather is 5'-5" with blonde hair and blue eyes. Heather's a performer, a dancer and a model. She's on the Honor roll, belongs to the 100% Club, the Christian Youth Group, and is involved with volleyball and snow boarding.

"Accounting is my favorite subject because it's a challenge," but Heather wants to become a professional dancer and instructor and attend the University of Michigan.

Sarah Kameron Kaiser

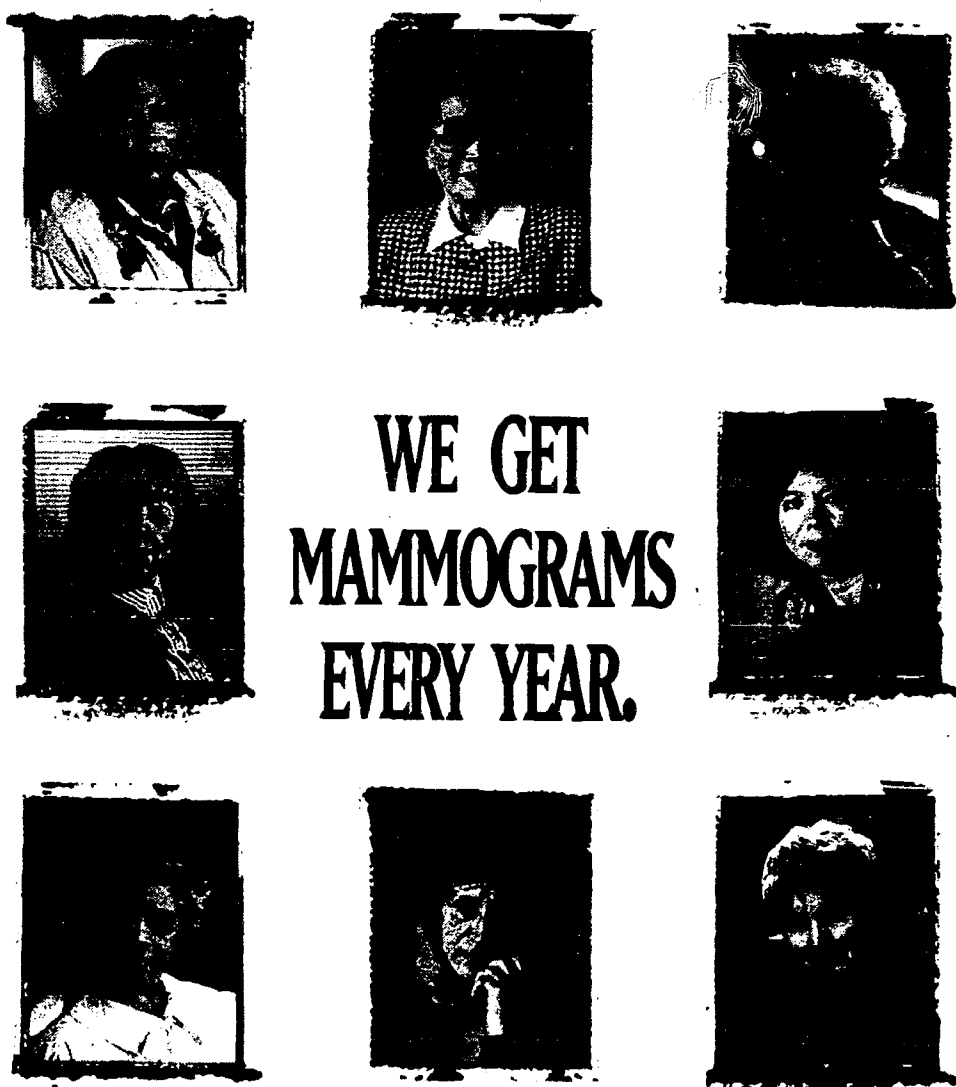
Sarah is 5'-6" and has blue eyes and brown hair. She hopes to become a nutritional physiotherapist and attend Brigham Young University. Her school activities include the Honor Roll, performing arts, Young Women Laurel President, and civic activities are winning the Young Women of Truth Award, the Young Women of Promise Award, and being involved in the Young Women of Service Project.

Noah Webster inspired her the most as a politician, "because his first love was education of children. He believed our country would be molded and unified by means of individual integrity."

Sarah is quite proud of her generation, "because it is beginning to focus more on serving others." She becomes least proud of them "when I see the lack of respect some of them have for others who are trying to guide them." She encourages parents to become more involved in their children's lives.



IN THE SWIM -- From left: Ashley Wakeley, Emily Weaver, Jean Zelek Photo by Shirley Schmoock.



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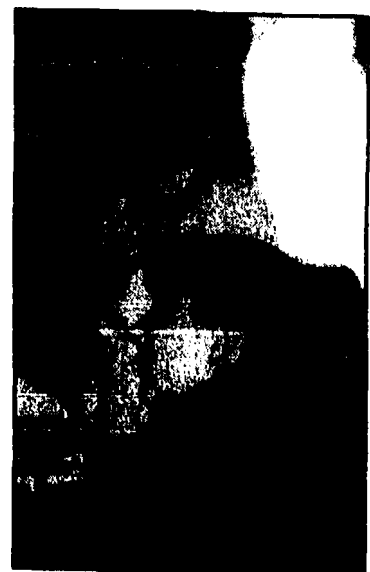
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CANDIDATE -- In foreground: candidate Sara Bassett with talent coach Mary Ann Ferrigan.

'The Dreams of a Queen'

Emily Kay Weaver

Emily is a blue-eyed blonde standing 5'-5". She wants to be an athletic trainer, and likes strength and conditioning. She expects to attend Grand Valley when she graduates and is currently involved in powder puff football.

She enjoys spending time with her friends, deer hunting with her dad, and skiing. She's a hostess at Big Boy and belongs to the National Honor Society, the Varsity Tennis team, the co-captain of the junior varsity volleyball playing weekend tournaments with varsity. She's also the co-captain of the junior varsity softball team and is in the fly fishing club.

Emily believes that today's youth lack "communication between themselves and their parents. The first step in communicating is for both the parents and their children to be open with one another."

Crystal Pilon

Crystal is 5'-8" with blonde hair and green eyes. She wants to be a civil engineer, and attend Michigan Tech in Houghton. She's been a judge for middle school forensics, and serves her church and works with the Knights of Columbus.

Crystal is a member of the high school forensic team, Youth in Government, is on the soccer team, and enjoys being in school plays.

Her dad gave her the best advice she ever received for telling her to "take the high road and maintain a sense of poise and class."

Crystal wishes the City of Grayling would "take some of the income tax money and plant a boulevard of trees, shrubs and flowers."

Brie Blaauw

Brie is 5'-11 with brown hair and eyes. She wants to join the FBI and

attend Lake Superior State. She is a Teen Jury member, MVP for forensics, outstanding performance in the Spring Play, honor roll student and numerous award winner for Gus Macker.

She enjoys basketball, drama and soccer, as well as the pompoms squad. She admires Janet Reno because "she is outspoken and

a career of special education for the hearing impaired and attend Hope College. She's been president of her class in the 9th, 10th, and 11th grades. She's on the National Honor Society, winning both the Hugh O'Brien and the Ambassador awards, is on the Band Council and is a Cheerleader.

Her cheerleading and band



SNOW BREAK -- Taking a break in the snow are (from left) Jenny French, Melissa Ostwald, Jean Zelek and Emily Weaver, responding to a dare. Photo by Shirley Schmoock.

exudes confidence in her decisions." Of her own generation, Brie says "what makes me proud of them is the motivation to gain more knowledge in our fast-changing society."

Brie would exchange places with a homeless person for one day "because it would help me understand the difficulties and loneliness of being less fortunate."

Jessica Marie Becks

Jessie is 5'-5" with brown hair and green eyes. She hopes to make

ensemble awards are considerable, and for fun she enjoys downhill skiing, pompom squad, e-mailing and swing dancing. She is first chair flute in the GHS Band, and plays tenor saxophone, as well.

As far as her home town goes, Jessica has a "sense of security here. We do not have to worry about a significant amount of urban crime," though she'd like to "see the drug and alcohol problems cleaned up in the high school."

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The KCC Foundation has donated \$100,000 to NCMCF as a donor-advised permanent endowment Educational Fund, the income from which will be applied to the educational needs of Kirtland Community College, the public schools of the four counties principally served by the College and for their students and/or faculty. This gift will qualify for fifty percent (50%) matching grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, the income from which will be used for youth programs in the four counties served by the College.

Formed in June, 1997, the North Central Michigan Community Foundation serves the counties of

Crawford, Iosco, Ogemaw, Oscoda and Roscommon. NCMCF is a tax-exempt, publicly supported philanthropic organization that operates as a permanent collection of endowed funds for the long term benefit of its member counties and their residents.

A nine-member Advisory Committee will evaluate and prioritize the educational needs of the potential beneficiaries and make recommendations to NCMCF for funding from interest earnings of the Educational Fund. The Advisory Committee members will include representatives from: the faculty of the College, its Financial Aid Office, its Cultural Affairs office, NCMCF, and five representatives from nominees submitted by the KCC Foundation.

In announcing the donation to NCMCF, Kirtland Foundation

President Judy Berg noted that the action is "a sound investment in the future of young people in the Kirtland district, particularly because of the matching grant from the Kellogg Foundation." "Also," said Berg, "the tax advantages to donors who give money to the Community Foundation are considerable." Donations to a Community Foundation are deductible on a taxpayer's Federal tax return. An individual Michigan taxpayer may claim a 50% credit, of up to \$100 for a \$200 donation, on his or her State tax return, and a married taxpayer may claim a 50% credit of up to \$200 for a \$400 donation.

The real beneficiaries of this gift," said John W. Wade, NCMCF Chairperson who accepted the Kirtland contribution, "will be the young people of our area who will be able to take advantage of schol-

arships, youth services, education programs and other activities and programs supported by NCMCF through the interest income earned from these endowment funds." Individuals, groups and organizations in our area are encouraged to contribute to the NCMCF said Wade. The Kirtland Community College Foundation gift is the second \$100,000 gift received by NCMCF which has also received a number of other contributions ranging from \$100 to \$24,000.

Persons wishing to make a contribution to the KCC Educational Fund can do so by writing a check payable to North Central Michigan Community Foundation, marking K.C.C.E.F. in the memo section of the check, and mailing it to North Central Michigan Community Foundation, P.O. Box 824, Roscommon, MI 48653-0824.

Members of the Kirtland Community College Foundation are: Judy Berg, Rose City; Louis Boggs, Houghton Lake; Peter Allen, Grayling; Pauline Courmyer, Mio; Bill Curnalia, Roscommon; Charles Darocy, Prudenville; Dorothy Franke, Crawford County; Dorothy Frye, Higgins Lake; Loretta Hassan, Grayling; Robert Morley, Higgins Lake; Keith Kenney, Grayling; Eugene Turkelson, West Branch; John Walkley, Houghton Lake; and John W. Wade, Roscommon.

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SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Special thought for the week: (A belated new year's wish for all of you) May you have: Enough Happiness to keep you sweet, Enough trials to keep you strong, Enough sorrow to keep you human, Enough hope to keep you happy, Enough failure to keep you humble, Enough success to keep you eager, Enough friends to give you comfort, Enough wealth to meet your needs, Enough enthusiasm to look forward, Enough faith to banish depression, Enough determination to make each day better than yesterday. (Author Unknown)

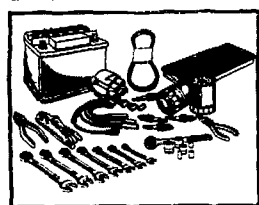
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- 19 - Fish / Pork Stew
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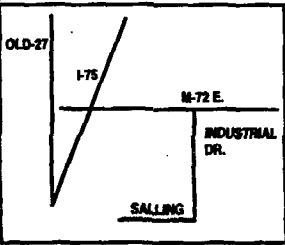
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Beaver Creek rezoning passes first hurdle

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

The Public Hearing held on Jan 7 by the Crawford County Planning & Zoning Commission was sparsely attended. Approximately a dozen people were on hand to speak for or against the issue of rezoning the I-75 corridor at 4-Mile Road in Beaver Creek Township and a portion of

Military Road.

The Beaver Creek Township Board voted in late November of 1997 to request a change in the I-75 corridor from Highway Service Commercial into a Community Service Commercial District.

This change would facilitate a broader range of business which might, at some time in the future,

consider locating at this intersection. Joe Durand, Director of the Crawford County Zoning Department said that "many corridors of this nature across the State are experiencing such development. This change would be an improvement — roadside — and future development could be focused, not done on a random basis."

The second request for a zoning alteration sought by the township was for a Low Density Residential area along Military Road to King Road. This zoning is currently a mix of Agricultural Residential and Resource Development - Military. It is restricted to single family development or uses designed to encompass large tracts of land like farms or game refuges.

"We don't have a bit of multi-family residential zoning in our township," said Ed Holtcamp, Planning & Zoning Commission member and Beaver Creek Township Fire Chief. We believe that if the developer has enough land for drainage and septic fields, then we'd like to see some multi-family homes built there."

Rob Derry, a resident of the area being affected by the change said "the rear entry to my property has been stopped by Charlie's Truck Stop. Now, if this change goes through, are my taxes going to go up and what will happen to all of the animals?"

Holtcamp addressed this issue by saying "taxes aren't figured by what could be built around you. They're figured on a comparable sales ratio, and in no case, can they be raised by more than 5 percent each year."

Other questions from the audience at the Public Hearing were also in

regard to the possible raising of taxes should the area become developed. The Beaver Creek zoning change request, nonetheless, was unanimously approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission.

The request will now proceed to the County Board of Commissioners for their approval. The township board, according to Beaver Creek Commissioner, John Hartman, "expects to begin reviewing the entire zoning map for the township."

The Planning Commission is currently pursuing a Master Plan for the entire area, and have commenced dialogue with the individual townships. It is the intent of the Planning Commission to discern the differences, then to try to meet the wishes of the respective districts, with regard to future and potential growth.

Grizzlies hockey team may leave Gaylord arena

In a surprise announcement, Channel 9/10 said on their evening news broadcast of Jan. 6, that the Grizzlies hockey team may be moving from Gaylord to Traverse City next year.

This newscast, however, did not catch a lot of people off guard — at least not in the Gaylord area. Rumors have been flying for weeks. The Grizzlies are last in their league.

Coincidentally, Traverse City, having a much higher population center from which to draw fans and spectators, has been looking to capitalize on that area's interest recently generated by the National Hockey League. So, perhaps a natural fit with a fledgling hockey team of their own — and, the Grizzlies have been mentioned — just might boost interest and attendance for the team.

The 9/10 broadcast said that attendance at the Grizzlies games in Gaylord has been one half of what might be expected to turn out in Traverse City. It seems that location is a primary factor in drawing crowds.

Sports editor for the *Herald Times*, Nick Edson, agreed, saying recently "The Gaylord Grizzlies are struggling in the standings and at the

gate. The Grizzlies are trying to make a go of it, but they're only averaging 475 spectators a game — about half of what they'd like."

Tom Zurek, president and general manager of the Grizzlies team, is quoted as saying in Edson's article "The former owners burned a lot of bridges in Gaylord, and that's been a tough thing to overcome."

Burning their bridges, according to Edson meant "Leaving unpaid bills in the community, and in some cases, workers who didn't get paid." Zurek said his group took care of the bills, but "We are still working to overcome the hard feelings associated with the old management. And, yes, we've looked into putting a team in Traverse City, though right now, we're committed to Gaylord."

The Grizzlies are a junior hockey league, and the team leases space in the Otsego County Sportsplex, both for practice and game play. Open skating times at the arena are, therefore, limited.

A spokeswoman for the Sportsplex said there is nothing definite on the team leaving next year, and the Director has been unavailable for comment on the recent news broadcast.

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OBITUARIES

Wanda A. Rometski

Wanda A. Rometski, 81, of Grayling, passed away Jan. 12, 1998 at her residence.

She was born in Toledo, Ohio to Frank and Franciszka (Anien) Niestuchowski on Feb. 1, 1916.

Mrs. Rometski was a homemaker and lived in Shanandoah Hills, Monroe County from 1935 until 1976 when she moved to Grayling.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Rometski; two daughters: Sally Ann Depetris of Cleveland, Ohio and Helen Maire Rice of Colorado; and one granddaughter, Victoria Depetris of California.

Funeral service was held Jan. 14, 1998 at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Rev. Robert Nalley officiating. Burial will take place at Elmwood Cemetery in spring of 1998.

Pallbearers were provided by the Knights of Columbus Council 1982.

Garland G. Griffith

Garland G. Griffith, 81, of Grayling, passed away on Jan. 5, 1998 at The Meadows.

He was born in Wheeler, Tex., to Guthrie G. and Cleo G. (Parker) Griffith on July 12, 1916.

Mr. Griffith was a retired welder for Leitelt Ironworks in Grand Rapids. He was a member of VFW Chapter 4159 of Roscommon-Higgins Lake, the Hamm Radio Club M.A.R.S., and the Amateur Radio Association of Hanson Hills.

He is survived by his special friend and companion, Delores Lim of Beaver Creek Township, daughters: Katherine Bowman of Perry, Mary Lynn and Michael Fransico of Ortonville, Jane Castrenze of Ithaca, N.Y., Rita and Dan Buzye of Kentwood, and Stephanie TenHave of Grand Rapids; sons: Garry Griffith of Omaha, Neb. and David and Anne Griffith of Rockland, Mass.; stepdaughter Judy and Laurence Vorce of Lake City; stepson, Robert Shorman of Perry; 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Mr. Griffith was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, Florence Griffith, and his second wife, Lucille Griffith.

Memorial service will be conducted sometime next summer at Sorenson Funeral Home McEvers Chapel, Grayling. Interment of ashes will take place in Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling, at that time.

The family suggests memorials be directed to the Amateur Radio Association of Hanson Hills, C/O Grayling Recreation Authority, P.O. Box 361, Grayling, MI 49738.

Jack D. DeHart

Jack D. Dehart, 60, of Grayling, passed away Jan. 11, 1998 at Mercy Hospital.

He was born in Bloomer Township to Russell and Vera Lavern (Snyder) DeHart on Dec. 1, 1937.

Mr. DeHart, a Grayling resident for 35 years, was employed as a sawyer for Stampfl Sawmill. He previously owned and operated Tarpon Industries in Grayling. Mr. DeHart was in the Michigan National Guard for 6 years and a member of the U.S. Army Reserve for 3 years. He married the former Bernadette A. Payne on Feb. 8, 1958 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Carson City.

He is survived by his wife, Bernadette A. DeHart; three sons: Douglas Dehart and fiancée Sherry of Port Huron, Russell and Angie DeHart of Grayling and Chris DeHart of Grayling; two daughters: Tamara and Tony Henning of Grayling and Michelle and Tim Padgett of Grayling; sister, Betty Weber of Sheridan; brother, Larry DeHart of Gladwin; Mother-in-law, Anna Payne of Grayling; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mr. DeHart was preceded in death by his parents, Russell M. and Vera Lavern (Snyder) DeHart.

Funeral service was held on Jan. 14, 1998 at 1 p.m. at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel with Rev. Robert Nalley officiating. Interment in the spring at Elmwood Cemetery.

The family suggests that memorials be directed to the American Heart Association.

Susan L. Wardell-Jones

Susan L. Wardell-Jones, 41, of Grayling, passed away on Jan. 9, 1998 at Mercy Hospital.

Mrs. Wardell-Jones was born in Pontiac on Aug. 21, 1956. She moved to Grayling 20 years ago from Fenton. She was a graduate of Fenton High School and was employed as a waitress at several different restaurants over the years. Most recently she was employed in food management at the Crawford Public and Gerrish-Higgins School Systems. Previously she was assistant manager at the Grayling County Club.

She is survived by her husband, Glenn F. Jones of Grayling; daughter, Sarah Jones of Grayling; stepson, Tony Jones of Tucson, Ariz.; Mother and stepfather: Betty and Meredith Reschly of Linden; father and stepmother, Donald and Alice McLane of Fenton; brothers: Glenn Wardell of Holly and Robert Wardell of Lapeer and sisters: Debra and Robert Holland of Fenton and Tabitha Wardell of Pontiac.

Funeral service was held Jan. 12, 1998, at 2 p.m. at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel with Mr. Donald Brigham officiating. Interment will be in the spring at Elmwood Cemetery.

This family suggests those wishing to make memorial contributions direct them to the family.

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River House given grant through state

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Michigan is one of 22 states to receive this funding under the Rural Domestic Violence and Child Victimization Enforcement Grant Program this year.

Michigan has identified 17 counties that designated 100 percent rural by the 1990 census and will provide outreach services in those counties. Some of these service providers cover multiple counties with only one shelter.

For example, River House Shelter also serves Oscoda County.

"Abused women and children in rural areas face unique issues because of their distance from shelters and services," said Gov. Engler. "This grant will support supplemental contract awards already in place with the appropriate shelter agencies to provide outreach services."

This is the second year the Justice Department has awarded the grants. The grants assist law enforcement officers, prosecutors, judges, victims, service providers, clergy and business leaders of state, local and tribal governments in rural areas to collaborate and provide a coordinated, community response to domestic violence and child abuse.

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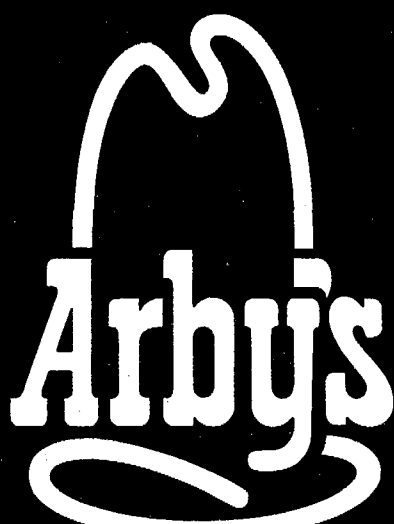
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Produced with technology under contract from the Polaroid Corporation, the license will be available in all 178 Secretary of State branch offices in the spring.

The new driver license has an appearance similar to a credit card and features a photograph of the Mackinac Bridge. It has a different colored title for each of the various types of driver licenses that will be issued, such as commercial and chauffeur licenses, well as for the state personal identification card.

Among the customer service benefits cited by Secretary Miller, who serves as Michigan's chief motor vehicle administrator, are:

- Vastly improved photographs. Technology allows branch office staff to check the quality of the photograph before the licensing process has been completed, making closed eyes or glare on eyeglasses a thing of the past.

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- Magnetic stripe and bar code. Unlike most other states using this technology, Michigan is limited by state law to including only the driver license number, expiration date and holder's date of birth, on the stripe and bar code. The bar code and mag stripe make the exchange of these numbers faster and more accurate.

- Instant issue licenses "while you wait." For customers who need a license immediately, the Secretary of State will issue an immediate license in select branch offices around the state in fall 1998.

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County board looks back over busy year

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

Crawford County Commissioners have been exceedingly busy this year. And, they seem to have considerable accomplishments to show for the time they've spent in 1997.

Meetings held the second and fourth Tuesdays each month at the Courthouse are but a few hours and a fraction of the time the Commissioners really spend — collectively and individually — managing the County's business.

Absent a county manager or administrator—which tops the 1998 wish list for Commissioner Bob Smock for one—the Board must handle lease agreements, union contracts, insurance policies, plans and claims, as well as numerous maintenance agreements. All of these, including union disputes and staff increases, must be negotiated and resolved by them.

In 1997, Chair Bruce Bretzke stated "we passed or acted upon 821 motions or consensus agreements. There were 468 during regular session, 151 in Ways and Means, and 102 under Personnel and Labor."

As the County grows — 252 births in 1997 — substantive changes may have to be made on several fronts. As the local school system must keep pace with an

expanding population, so must law enforcement and county government.

In 1997, therefore, the 911 Emergency Response staff saw an increase, and so did the prosecutor's office and sheriff's department. All of these key departments work through the Board of Commissioners to obtain personnel gains, equipment, and the approval for major incentives, such as employee benefits.

In the future, continued maintenance of a good basic infrastructure of local roads and bridges will be required, and so will an adequate medical and social services community. Another area involving sound management from a county level is continuity in seeking an acceptable balance between permanent and seasonal recreations for residents and visitors.

While all of these areas do not fall exclusively within the Commissioner's jurisdictions, most do require that county personnel interface — and successfully attempt to meet the goals of the various players across the spectrum. By splitting the committee assignments, each commissioner becomes responsible for acting on the county's behalf to facilitate and attain chosen goals.

Some dissension can be expected, of course, like the asbestos findings in the Courthouse and the snail's pace purchase of the local landfill. But over all, 1997 has been quite a productive year for Crawford County Commissioners. Many past hurdles are now but old news and fading memories.

Commissioner Lynnette Corlew, now in her second year, mentioned the need to work with a wide variety of agencies to accomplish something as simple but as necessary as obtaining handicap accessibility for the bathrooms in the Courthouse.

"I realized when asked what my committee accomplished this past year," Corlew admitted, "that I could not list accomplishments without recognizing a few failures and frustrations."

"The County Board did not have

a place to meet, to work, or to make calls. We decided to convert a small employee's break room into our office, but that meant some of the employees might have trouble using the stairway to the basement."

"We found them space," she continued, "but in doing so, we realized that all of the available space we have in the basement is difficult to access. Through the grant process, however, we managed to get funds to cover the cost of an elevator to the basement and to install an automatic front door."

The Courthouse itself had been undergoing extensive structural changes in its heating and cooling system. And, on the heels of this massive retrofit, came the need to secure the building from outside intrusion. One thing generally leads to another.

Thus, a plan was devised to both evaluate and update the safety needs of the building and its employees. The Sheriff's Department, Building Authority, County Clerk and Treasurer's staff and court employees got involved in this one.

This update was such a high priority on the Commissioners' to-do list, that just before year end, they passed nearly the entire package of suggested improvements for securing the building and safeguarding employees.

Hiring a County environmental monitoring official was also near the top of everyone's list of 1997 accomplishments.

As Commissioner Kathy Black said, "As a direct result of the settlement of the lawsuit involving Crawford County and City Environmental Services of Waters (CESW) in 1996, Pat Merrill came on board as environmental monitoring official in 1997. He has proven himself to be a tremendous asset to the county."

"Merrill not only keeps the Board informed of activities at the landfill, but he also has kept a vigilant eye on other environmental concerns in the county."

As an economic spin-off of the eventual sale and management transition from the County to CESW, Black continued, "A second result of that settlement is that funds in

excess of those used for Merrill's salary were distributed to all townships and the City of Grayling for use in efforts to promote county-wide recycling efforts."

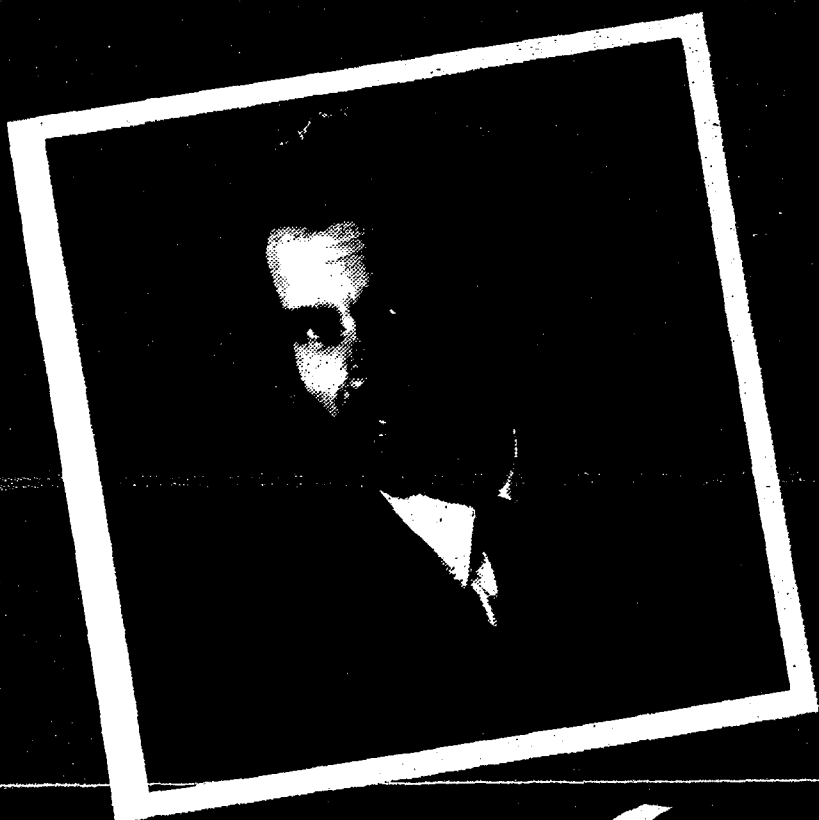
Some area agencies involved with the Board of Commissioners are the Grayling Recreation Authority, the Crawford County Rehabilitation and Housing Commission, the Christian Help Center, the Animal Shelter, the Commission on Aging, and the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Smock has added to his 1998 to-do list "plan and implement zoning changes to enhance economic development for the County. Also, purchase the existing airport or build a new one." A very high priority for Smock is to lobby Macomb, Oakland and Wayne Counties to legislate a solution to our huge public land problem.

Black, who is a major contributor to the Gas, Oil and Land Impact Environment Statewide group (GOALIES), agrees the county has state land problems.

"We believe that a portion of the severance taxes paid to the State by the oil/gas industry should be returned to the counties of origin to be used on a discretionary basis. No one knows better what the local units need than the local units themselves."

A list of projects completed by the County Board in 1997 is as follows: Formation of the Crawford County Park Commission, Relocation of various Courthouse offices to better utilize space, Overall Courthouse cleaning and addition of a maintenance supervisor for the grounds, Decriminalization of the Crawford County Zoning Ordinances, Employee identification name tags for all county personnel, County Organization chart and evaluation of all positions, Determine and map all county-owned buildings and property, Upgrade the entire telephone system, Purchase electronic law library and software for Treasurer and Equalization offices, Add computers and computer mapping capabilities to Building and Zoning department.



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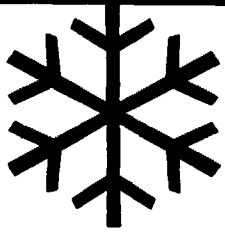
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From the pages of *The Avalanche*

Continued from last week

1997 Year in Review in Grayling

July



SECOND WIN IN A ROW — Jeff Kolka and Serge Corbin took second victory in 50th annual Au Sable Canoe Marathon.

- * The Road Commission for Crawford County and MDOT will split the costs and labor of revamping the intersection at M-72 and Old Dam Road. One set of signals would be eliminated and Old Dam Road relocated to create safer traffic flow.
- * Local amateur radio operators competed in National Field Day from radio stations set up at Charlie's Country Corners.
- * A tornado passed through Crawford County, destroying at least one home and downing thousands of trees and several power lines.
- * The Edges Racetrack project was scrapped when promoters were

unable to get the state to release the land needed for the project.

- * Camp Grayling's Multi-Purpose Range Complex became active at the former tank range north of North Down River Road. The cost of the new range was \$8 million.

- * The Grayling Little League Senior Division Boys' Baseball All Stars defeated the West Branch All Stars in the Western Division finals of the Northern Michigan District National Little League Tournament.

- * A four cent per gallon tax increase was approved by Michigan lawmakers to raise \$200 million dollars for roads in the state. Rep. Allen Lowe (R-Grayling), claiming that lawmakers have diverted

funds to other projects from previous increases and that northern Michigan would see very little in the way of funding from the latest increase, voted against it.

- * Melody Barrett and her children, Jessica and Justin were chosen by Habitat for Humanity to be the first Crawford County homeowners in the program.

- * According to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Michigan's population of the endangered Kirtland's warbler is up from last year. Crawford County had the third highest count of singing male warblers in the state.

- * The Shoppenagon Motor Hotel was purchased by Susan Bateson and Fred Fedak. Historic renova-

tions are planned, with hopes of recognition by the National Historical Preservation Society.

- * A special stamp cancellation by the United States Post Office in Grayling was held in honor of the 50th Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon on July 26 to commemorate the historic event.

- * Serge Corbin and Jeff Kolka won the 50th Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon. It was their second consecutive win. They earlier had won the Paddlers Tribute Race and the Old Town Classic.

- * Area law enforcement officers completed a drug bust in Frederic Township, seizing about four pounds of marijuana, scales, cash, drug records and one vehicle.

August

- * Salary of Crawford County prosecutor John Huss was restored to \$50,000 when the Crawford County Board of Commissioners learned that state law requires that salaries "shall be fixed before Nov. 1 each year and shall not be diminished during the term of a county official..."

- * Crawford County Sportsplex supporters continued to get the word out and hold weekly meetings. A trip for senior citizens to the Otsego County Sportsplex was planned.

- * Latvia's President Guntis Ulmanis toured Camp Grayling military facilities.

- * The Crawford County Planning Commission voted 8-0 to approve phase one of the Forest Dunes project.

- * The Grayling High School band

earned the Michigan Chapter of the American School of Band Directors Association's Award of Excellence.

- * One hundred cedar tree seedling planting kits were sold by the AuSable River System Property Owners Association to property owners along the AuSable River. The seedlings were planted to help restore growth of the species in the area.

- * Family and friends welcomed home the 1439th Engineer Detachment (Firefighters) at Camp Grayling, after their 153-day peace-keeping mission in Europe.

- * The Citizens for a Crawford County Sportsplex discussed the possibility of a Junior A hockey team for the county. A local hockey association is led by Rick Nash.

- * Grayling Township raised its

building fees schedule to comply with state rules.

- * The Crawford County Community Christian Help Center celebrated its fifth anniversary of serving those in need.

- * A large crowd turned out for the dedication and M-1 tank firing at the new Camp Grayling range complex.

- * The Grayling Burger King restaurant ran a full-page letter in *The Avalanche* to reassure customers that the restaurant had not received any unsafe hamburgers from Hudson Foods.

- * The McNamara family was honored at a "Business After Hours" event at the Grayling Holiday Inn for their contributions to the community and area schools over many years.

- * The unemployment rate for Crawford County and the northern Michigan region continued to drop.

- * Several unrelated drug busts in Crawford County resulted in 20 charges filed. Seizure of marijuana and two vehicles used in the delivery of drugs also took place. Four residences were searched, resulting in five additional warrants being sought for possession of marijuana.

- * The City of Grayling decided not to sell a 6.5 acre parcel located behind Scheer Motors because the Elmwood Cemetery may need the space in the future.

- * Grayling High School introduced its new Viking Renaissance reward program to encourage good grades, attendance and citizenship.



FIRST HACKER TOURNEY — Bodies bump and balls flew as the first Red Hacker three-on-three and four-on-four tournament premiered in Grayling.

September

- * State of Michigan Lottery officials closed the doors for good at the local lottery office in an effort to cut costs.

- * Jill St. Germain, 14, was chosen

to join the "I Love to Dance" International Tour to Sydney, Australia, in January 1998, after her success at the national competition in Lake Tahoe in July.

- * The M-72 and Old Dam Rd. reconfiguration was well underway.

- * The 1997 Grayling Viking girls' basketball season opened with a big win over rival Roscommon,

62-59.

- * Beaver Creek Township turned down a millage proposal for roadside trash pick-up.

- * Both Sportsplex issues were narrowly defeated by county voters. The Citizens for a Crawford County Sportsplex planned to meet again to discuss what went wrong in their efforts.

- * The Grayling Viking Varsity football team defeated the Roscommon Bucks quite handily in the season opener 20-7.

- * The Michigan Court of Appeals affirmed visiting Circuit Court Judge Richard Liedel's 1995 dismissal of former Crawford County Commission Chairman Robert McLachlan's defamation suit against Stephen Dresch, Joseph Callewaert and David Kneff.

- * Students at Grayling High School approved the Crawford County Sportsplex issue in a mock election.

- * After months of planning and preparation, the Grayling Township recycling center held an open house to inform the public of proper recycling methods and to view the facil-

ity, then opened for business.

- * Kirtland Community College and Mercy Hospital announced a new Nurse-Managed Health Center to open in October on the Kirtland campus.

- * Two Camp Lehman corrections officers were arrested while harvesting marijuana plants from federal property. The wife of one of the officers also was arrested at the scene in South Branch Township.

- * Grayling High School coach Mike Wieland was inducted into the Michigan High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Wieland was the school's football coach for 12 years and has coached the ski teams for 32 years.

- * Crawford County Commissioner Kathy Black filed for Allen Lowe's state representative seat.

- * A "Walk-Thru-History" at the Wellington Farm Park took visitors from the year 1750 through 1932.

- * Grayling Mercy Hospital added the "Code Alert" security system to the obstetrics and pediatrics areas of the hospital to prevent baby and

child abductions.

- * The Grayling Varsity Redskins got their first win of the season, beating the Twining Raiders 26-0.

- * The Freshman Grayling Redskins II defeated the Twining Raiders 12-6, giving the team a 2-0 start.

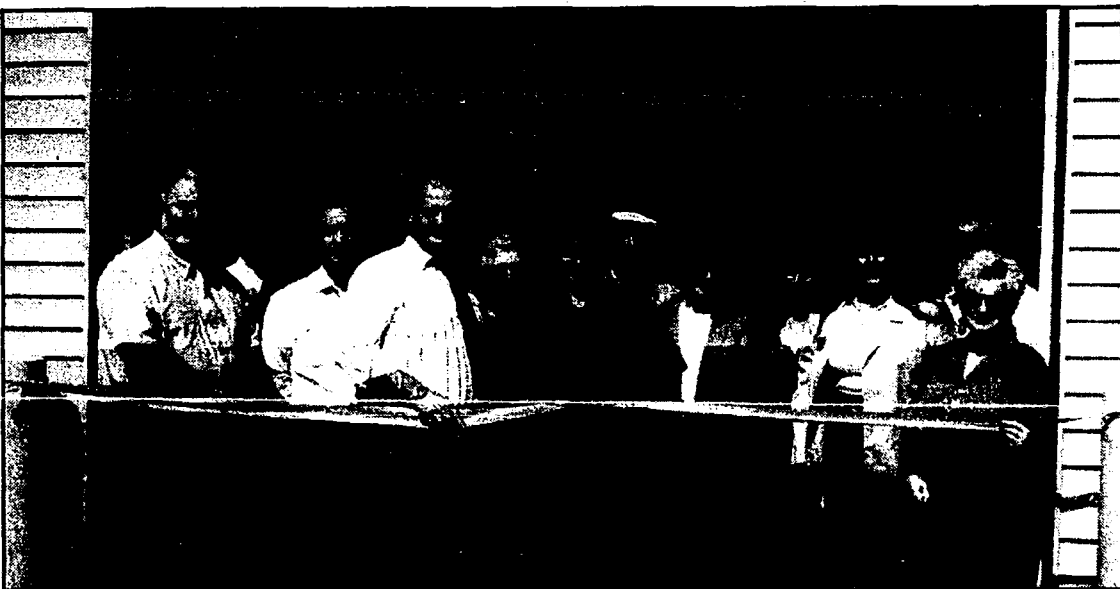
- * The Grayling Vikings boys' golf team shot a team score of 157, defeating Pinconning and setting a new modern-day school record.

- * The Grayling Soccer team is much improved this season, with a 3-2-1 record.

- * Two teens involved in the breaking and enterings in Lovells Township were sentenced to serve 4-15 years at the Michigan Department of Corrections and to pay over \$9,000 in restitution.

- * After months of review and discussion, the City of Grayling and Grayling Township officials approved the Master Plan.

- * More than 12 marijuana growers were arrested during September for cultivating gardens on national forest lands in Crawford, Manistee, Lake and Wexford counties.



RECYCLING CENTER — Public officials joined together to open Crawford County's first recycling center.

October

- * A proposal to fund a timber bridge and multi-purpose trail through the city of Grayling neared completion. The trail would accommodate snowmobilers, giving them access to area businesses, and possibly extending from Gaylord to Frederic to Grayling, eventually.

- * A community input meeting was hosted by the Crawford AuSable Schools Board of Education to gather opinions and ideas about infrastructure needs at the school. The most often heard need was a new heating system.

- * The Northland Area Federal Credit Union celebrated its 40th Anniversary.

- * In response to the failed millage proposal for trash handling, the Beaver Creek Township Board of Trustees approved a 75 cent per bag fee, using a bag identification system.

- * An inventory of the trees at the historic Beal Plantation was completed by MSU Professor Frank Telewski, Kirtland science instructor Denise Kemp and some Kirtland students. Telewski will create a map to be used in devising an interpretive trail system.

- * The Crawford County Jail expansion project was completed from a holding capacity of 18 inmates to 70, plus services for

inmates.

- * As part of Make a Difference Day, some Grayling High School students collected socks for needy children in Crawford County.

- * The Grayling Vikings boys' soccer team ended their season by losing 5-1 to Roscommon in what came to be known as Snow Bowl 1997.

- * The Crawford AuSable Schools Board of Education announced a drug survey showed that when compared to the national average, a greater percentage of Crawford AuSable students have used a particular drug at least once.

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OLD SPINNING WHEEL — Wellington Farm Park actors demonstrated how "it used to be" down on the farm at annual history walk.





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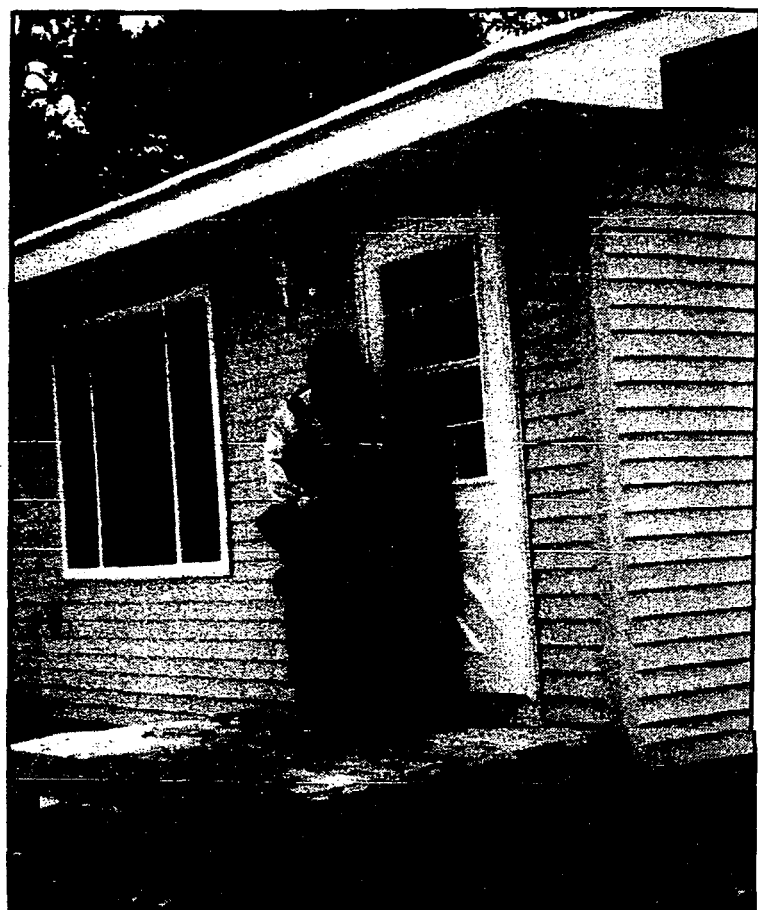
1997 Year in Review in Grayling

November

- * D.J. Brown and Marilyn Palmer were elected to the Grayling City Council, defeating incumbent Roger Moshier and candidate Jerry Hayes for the two four-year seats.
- * The Crawford County Board of Commissioners asked the public to submit designs for a new county flag to replace the old one designed in 1940 by the J.L. Hudson Co.
- * Betty Bennett, president of the Grayling Promotional Association, asked area stores and businesses to turn Grayling into a "City of Lights" for the holidays, returning to the time when Grayling was "one of the prettiest holiday towns in the north country."
- * D.J. Brown was honored as 1997 Grayling Promotional Association's Woman of the Year.
- * Crawford County Commissioners voted to accept the ownership of the proposed bridge to cross the AuSable River in conjunction with a proposed snowmobile trail through Grayling.
- * Councilman Ralph Stevens was elected Grayling mayor, replacing Robert Golnick, who served as mayor for 10 years.
- * Alan Eston was honored by the Red Cross for donating 24 gallons of his rare O- type blood.
- * Zina Crouch celebrated her 100th birthday with family and friends. She was born Nov. 7, 1897.
- * Brock Denton bagged the season's first official buck to claim the "First to the Pole" honors for the second year in a row.
- * The March of Dimes annual Jail and Bail program "incarcerated" 20 local business people and raised over \$5,000 to fight birth defects.
- * Don Morgenstern was recognized by the Crawford County Planning Commission for 18 years of service on the planning board, from which he is retired.
- * Melody Barrett and her children moved into their new "Habitat for Humanity" house just after Thanksgiving, following a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house.
- * Crawford AuSable Schools received 71 applications for just two advertised job openings.
- * Restoration of the old Douglas Hotel in Lovells began by new owner Darrell Fuller and his family. Fuller plans to restore the name of North Branch Outing Club to the place, too.
- * The Fourth Annual Crawford AuSable Community Thanksgiving Dinner at the Knights of Columbus Hall was a huge success. 410 dinners were served, 190 of which were delivered by volunteer drivers to homes as far away as Lovells. St. John Lutheran Church members started the tradition of a community dinner in 1994.
- * The City of Grayling and downtown merchants worked together to coordinate a sidewalk snow removal plan.
- * Grayling City Treasurer Verna

M. Meharg resigned. Meharg's major accomplishment was bringing the city books into the computer age.

- * The conflict of interest lawsuit filed by Crawford County against former commission member and chairman, Bob McLachlan, was dismissed in circuit court when no cause for action was found. Commissioners decided not to appeal the decision.
- * The U.S. Forest Service denied new road access to the Forest Dunes development because the 40 acres of federal land it would cross is a protected Kirtland's warbler habitat.



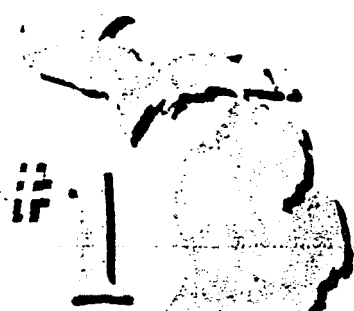
HABITAT'S FIRST HOUSE — Melody Barrett and her children, Jessica and Justin, moved into Crawford's first Habitat for Humanity house.

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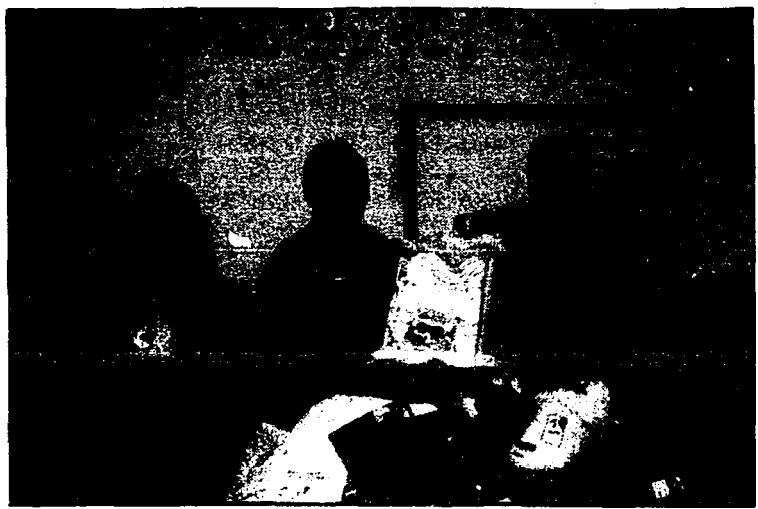
December

- * According to the Grayling city government's annual audit report, revenues and spending both were down for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997.
- * The Crawford County Health Department exceeded its immunization goal as a result of the successful Strong Families/Safe Children campaign.
- * Authors Nancy Lemmen and Jon Thompson, with support from Marathon historian John B. Cook, have compiled a book of stories, pictures and statistics commemorating the AuSable River Marathon. The book is titled "Experience

the Tradition — The First Fifty Years of the AuSable River Canoe Marathon."

- * Citizens for a Crawford County Sportsplex told Crawford Commissioners of plans to overhaul the Sportsplex proposal and reintroduce it to the community.
- * The County Elections Board finally approved Norman Bancroft's petition to recall

- * The 100 year-old Frederic Inn has been updated and remodeled by Gene and Lona Pawlanta.
- * Longtime morning newspaper carriers Willard and Phyllis Pfaff have decided to retire from their route after 25 years of delivering *The Detroit News* and *Free Press*.
- * Rezoning plans may create a new commercial area along I-75 in Beaver Creek Township.



TOYS FOR TOTS — Crawford deputies sold donated trees and converted cash into Christmas toys for needy kids.

Crawford County prosecutor John Huss. Between 1,100 and 1,200 valid signatures will be needed to place the recall issue on the ballot.

- * The Grayling business community started feeling the economic pinch of a snowless season due to the El Nino weather phenomenon warming the Pacific Ocean.
- * State Rep. Allen Lowe (R-Grayling) maintained a perfect attendance and voting record in 1997. Lowe was the only member of the House to answer all 1,053 roll call votes.
- * The Grayling City Township Fire Department received an outstanding service and dedication award from the National Fire Safety Council.

- * Plans for infrastructure and classroom improvements at Grayling High School got underway in December.
- * Grayling Fish Hatchery buildings were broken into and vandalized by two young boys, ages 10 and 11. One building contained animal antibiotics, which the boys tried to inhale. Fortunately, they suffered no ill-effects.
- * A Lake Margrethe neighborhood was upset over installation of a chain link fence across a well-traversed sidewalk. The owner explained that the fence was installed for safety reasons because of the owner's dog and all the children in the neighborhood.

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BUMP, SET, SPIKE — During a recent Freshman girls' volleyball game, Emily Fox (front) sets up Carolyn Fleischman for a spike.

Freshman girls' volleyball triumphs in its first game

by Dave Golnick
Student Writer

In the first game for the newly formed freshman girls volleyball team, the Vikings triumphed by a count of three games to two against the Pinconning Spartans.

The Vikings played well and did not allow many long volleys, but rather put the ball to the floor early to catch the Spartans off guard.

The Vikings were down two games to nothing when they stormed back to win three straight. The third win clinched the match, and gave Grayling its first ever freshman girls

volleyball team victory.

Vikings Coach Tim Ziglia had this to say about the game: "After we got rid of the first game jitters, everybody settled down and played together."

He also added about his teams season in general: "We have progressed well from the first day, and we still hope to accomplish our goals for this season, which are to learn as much as possible so these girls can play at the next level and to have fun while playing."

The next freshman girls' volleyball home game is Jan. 21.



OFFENSE SETS UP — The Junior Varsity girls' volleyball team sets up its offense against the Pinconning Spartans.

JV Girls Volleyball slides in match against Pinconning

Dave Golnick
Student Writer

The Junior Varsity Girls Volleyball team fell three games to none against a highly rated Pinconning Spartans squad last week.

During the first game both teams shared runs of points, due to the lack of long volleys. This made for the game to be quick and competitive with emotions from both sides showing whenever a significant event occurred in the game. Grayling was downed 15-9 in this action packed thriller.

The second game did not bode well for the Vikings who fell behind early and could never climb back. A long Pinconning scoring drive left Grayling behind by a score of 15-4.

In the third and final game, Grayling battled hard until the end. Early struggles by both sides led to defensive war, with long volleys and many good saves by both sides. Pinconning started to take the familiar last minute lead, and won by a score of 15-9.

The next home game is Jan 21 at 6:15 p.m.

Men's basketball results

Game #1 Spikes 59 - Sawmill 44.

Patterson-17, Church-16, Kucharek-12, Jon Thompson-9, J. Gardiner-3, Jason Thompson-2/M. Doremire-11, Dittenber-11, T. Doremire-9, Burrell-7, Turdgon-2, Know-2, Bonamie-2.

Game #2 Weyerhaeuser 71 — Lange Vending 47.

Ramsey-15, Grant-12, Derenzy-9, Trenary-8, Hull-8, Dandy-5, Ruddy-5, Leng-4, Bickman-3, McGregor-2, Longendyke-18, M. Jung-12, Hannum-5, Cumming-4, Butler-4, Harland-2, Malenowski-2.

Standings after Week #2
Weyerhaeuser 2 0
Spikes 2 0
GeoSigns/Sawmill 1 1
Baynham Forest Products 0 1
Holiday Inn 0 1
Lange Vending 0 2

The next scheduled games will be played on Jan. 15 beginning at 7 p.m. Game 1 Holiday Inn vs. Baynham Forest Products. Games 2 Sawmill vs. Weyerhaeuser at 8:30 p.m. Spikes and Lange Vending have a bye week.

POOL LEAGUE

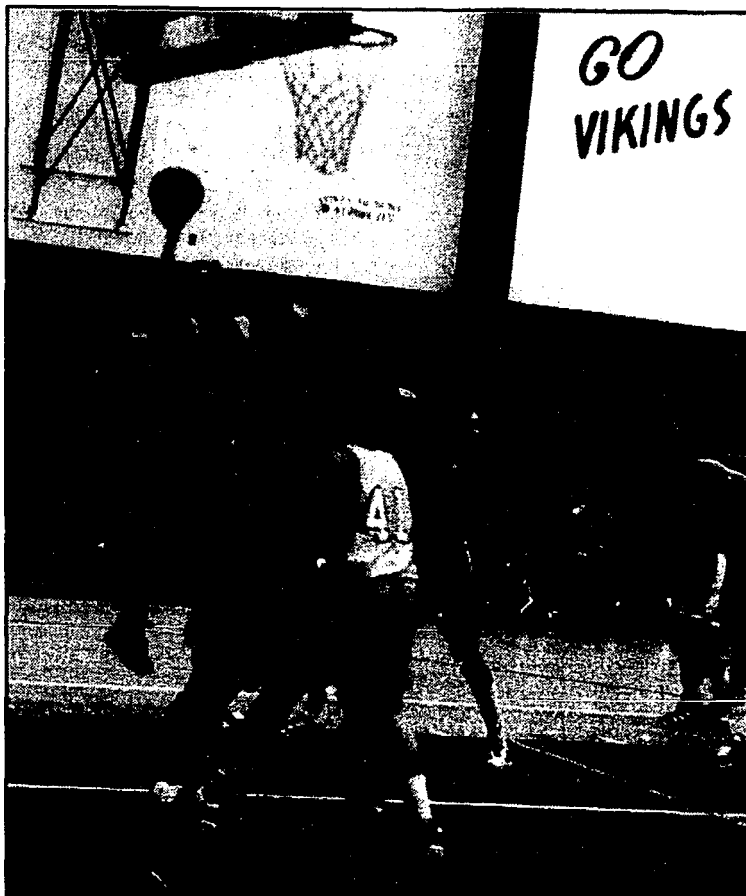
Women's Pool League

Sawmill II.....124
Sawmill I.....100
Fredric Inn.....96
Legion.....92
Plaza.....89
Spikes.....75
5 ball run.....Lisa and Sandy

Men's Pool League

Frederic Inn.....11-7
Weyerhaeuser*.....10-8
Plaza.....10-8
Holiday Inn.....9-9
Red Barn.....9-9
Tadpoles.....8-10
Frogies*.....7-11
Breakers.....8-10
8 ball run.....Phil of Holiday Inn.
7 ball run.....Larry (2) of Frogies,
Tom M. of Frederic Inn, Jim of Red Barn, Bernie and Tom of Plaza.

Frosh cagers in action



UP FOR THE POINT — In Monday's Freshman boys basketball game Joel Cummings goes up for the shot. The Vikings beat the Oscoda Owls 67-44.

Cross country ski marathon at Hanson Hills Jan. 17 and 18

The Michigan Cup Marathon and Hanson Hills Classical Cross Country ski races will be held at Hanson Hills Recreation Area and Winter Sports Park in Grayling Jan. 17 and 18.

Michigan Cup 15 KM women) will have awards for first overall and first, second and third place for each age group.

A wonderful pasta lunch, sponsored by Glen's Market of Grayling is provided for each racer and can be purchased by spectators.

Other event sponsors include the Grayling Kiwanis Club whose members are responsible for the computer timing of the Race, the Retired Senior Volunteer Program provides volunteers to serve lunch, and the Hanson Hills' Ski Patrolman aid stations and volunteer on the trail. Gannon Broadcasting and WKPK both work to inform the public of race information.

Both races attract racers from many states and Canada. Hanson Hills offers beautifully groomed trails over hilly terrain through the Northern Michigan Woods. It's a wonderful course for each day and is appreciated by everyone who races," says race director, Cindy Olson, "We just hope that the snow comes in enough time to be prepared for the races."

Hanson Hills' cross country ski trails will be closed until 12 noon on Jan. 17 and 18. Anyone interested in being a part of the race may call Grayling Recreation Authority at (517) 348-9266 for registration information.

The Michigan Cup Marathon Race is Saturday, Jan. 17, beginning at 10 a.m. The marathon race is a freestyle race that features a 30 KM race for men and a non-Michigan Cup 30 KM race for women, a 15 KM race for women and a 10 KM race for juniors.

The entry fee for the marathon is \$20 before Jan. 9 or \$25 late registration. You may sign up for the race from 8:30 - 9:45 a.m. on race day.

Sunday brings another challenging event, the Hanson Hills' Classical Race with a 12 KM race for men and women and a 6 KM race for juniors. The Classical race begins at 10 a.m. with a 30 second interval start.

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Weekly Update

The ice seems to be returning at last, the fish shanties that were through the ice on Lake Margrethe are both out and the fishermen say the ice is better now. With more cold in the forecast this should continue to improve, fishing reports have been slim to none over the past weeks but, they should start fishing again this week with better ice all around the area!!

Rabbit hunting has been slow all winter partly because there is no snow and they are still scattered all over and not bunched up in the swamps.

Don't forget turkey permits are due in this month, so don't forget to get the in before the last minute!!

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Friday, January 16 - Thursday, January 22

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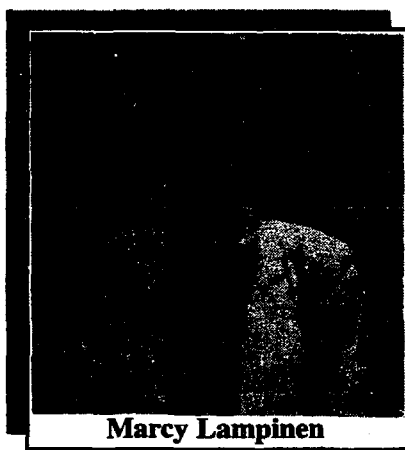
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Viking varsity basketball squad overruns Pinconning, buries Oscoda with 97 points

Dave Golnick
Student Writer

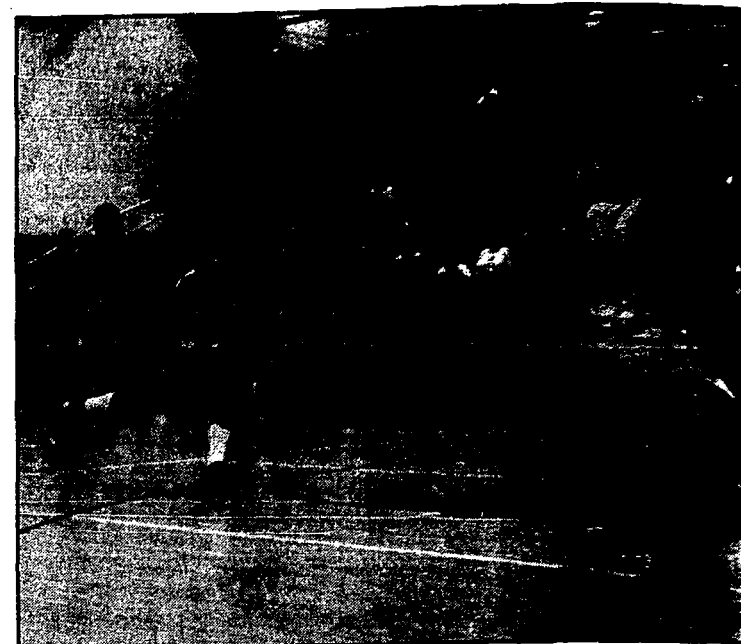
The Varsity Boys' Basketball team recently defeated the Pinconning Spartans in a great 73-69 game. Leading scorers for the Vikings were Nate Hinkle with 32 points, Nate Beckwith 11, Brad Ritter 8, Travis Parkinson 6, Jeremy Millikin 6, Adam Knapp 4 and Mike Oswald, Travis Huber and Eli Tobin each with 2 points.

In the first quarter Pinconning exercised its press to minimal advantage, as the Viking's ran right by the Spartan defenders. Many fouls by both teams added up to easy points on free throws. Grayling suffered from a plague of missed

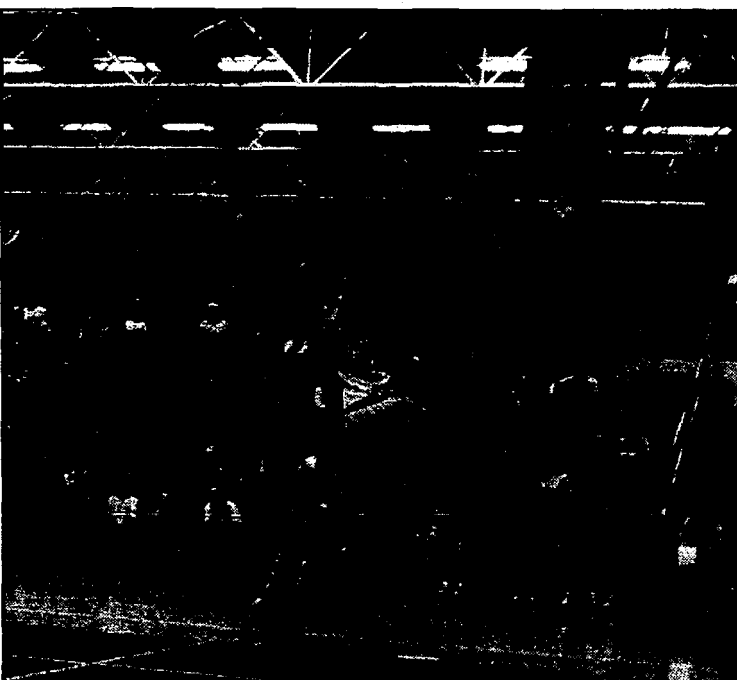
shots but still managed to fight to a 17-17 tie at the end of the quarter.

During the second quarter, Pinconning picked up the pace and ran for many fast breaks over the Vikings. But all of the fast action ended up benefitting Grayling in the long run because the Vikings went into half-time with a four point lead, 40-36.

The third quarter introduced the Grayling press, which gave the Vikings a few quick steals at the beginning of the quarter. The Grayling offense, which had been hot all night, started to cool off, as they used clock management to try to burn out time for the Spartans to come back. The score at the end of



FAST BREAK — Varsity boys basketball player Nate Hinkle (23) sprints in for the basket with Nate Beckwith (10) looking for a pass against Pinconning. Photo by Dave Golnick.



LAYUP COMING — In the Varsity boys' basketball game against Pinconning, Nate Beckwith (10) goes up strong for the bucket.

the quarter was Grayling 62, Pinconning 55.

In the final quarter the game balanced on a knife edge, as the Spartans quickly made up for their lack of offensive production in the third quarter by scoring a few quick points in the opening minutes of the fourth quarter. As the Grayling defense tightened, however, the Spartans knew they had an uphill battle the entire quarter, which quickly came to an end with Grayling's good clock burning techniques.

Coach Rich Moffit said, "We made mistakes down the stretch, but we focused and played good

defense. I am pleased with the growth of our players so far, and I think by the end of the year we will be pretty decent."

Team Captain Eli Tobin had this to add: "We got off to a slow start, but by progressing every week we were able to work up to Pinconning's level of play. To be successful, however, we need to play at our own tempo, not theirs."

The Vikings also recently defeated the Oscoda Owls by a score of 97 to 83. High scorers were Nate Hinkle with 41 points, Nate Beckwith 12, Brad Ritter 10, Eli Tobin 9, Mike Oswald 8, Travis Parkinson 7, Rob Dent, Travis Huber, Adam Knapp and Jeremy Millikin all with 2, and Pete Mead and Gordon Elsner each with 1.

The Vikings played at home on Tuesday against Bay City John Glenn, and the next game will be in Standish against the Standish Sterling Panthers on Friday, Jan. 16.

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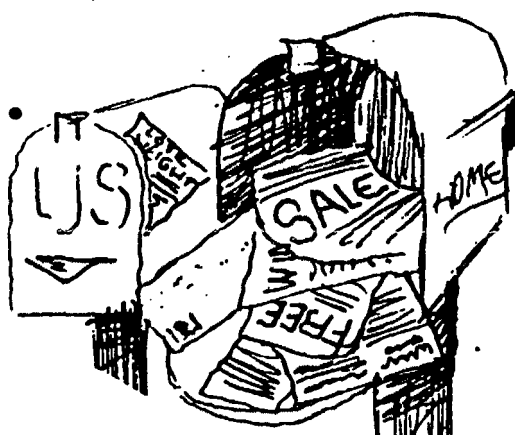
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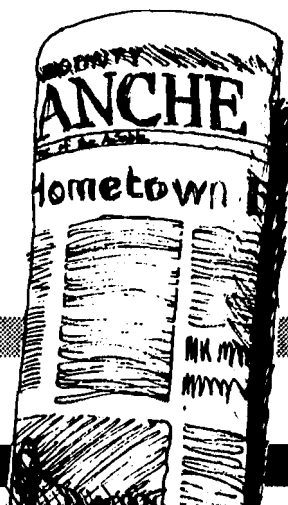
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JAYVEE SHOOTER — Junior Varsity boys' basketball player Dave Hawkins (20) takes a shot on the Pinconning Spartans' defender. The Junior Varsity boys recently defeated Pinconning 64-56 with Brad Wilson high scorer with 22 points, and Oscoda 73-37 with Dave Hawkins scoring 22 points. Photo by Dave Golnick.

Kiwanis hosts Miss Basketball

The Kiwanis club of Grayling is hosting Miss Basketball and teammates at two events in Grayling early next week.

Alysha Smith, winner of this year's Miss Basketball award in Michigan, along with teammates, "Peaches" Anderson and Koren Merchant from Redford Bishop Borgess Catholic High School, will be appearing at events on Sunday and Monday, Jan. 18-19.

The three seniors, of the Class C State Champion Bishop Borgess Spartans, will be putting on a clinic for girls at the AuSable Valley AAU Practice on Sunday, Jan. 18 at the Grayling Middle School from 4-6 p.m. Anyone interested in meeting or hearing from these players is welcome to attend.

These young ladies will also be the guest speakers at the Monday, Jan. 19 Kiwanis Club meeting at the Iron Gate Restaurant. Both events are put on by the Kiwanis Club of Grayling.

The Bishop Borgess stars are being recruited by many high-profile Division I programs throughout the country including: St. Johns, DePaul, Toledo, Cincinnati and Eastern Michigan. More information about the events is available from Kiwanis Club program chairman John Smock at 517-348-9188.

BOWLING

Friday Night Mixed Doubles

Charles Country Corner.....	14-2
Aunt Betty's.....	11-5
Fick & Sons.....	8-8
Moshier Auto Repair.....	8-8
A. Bulldog Towing.....	8-8
Suttles.....	7-9
AJD Forest Products.....	5-11
Sawmill.....	3-13
Men's High Game: D. Lozon, 197; M. Campbell, 190; M. Sumner, 186.	
Men's High Series: M. Sumner, 525; M. Campbell, 491; R. Moshier, 488.	
Women's High Game: B. Lozon, 183; L. McKee, 175; K. Trudeau, 173.	
Women's High Series: L. McKee, K. Trudeau, 494; S. Rioux, 480; K. Moshier, 470.	

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BOWLING LEAGUE

Senior Citizens League

Tees N' Such 'R' Us.....	39 1/2-28 1/2
Stevens Family Circle.....	38-30
Buccilli's Pizza.....	38-30
Baynham Wood Products.....	36-32
Totten's Body Shop.....	31 1/2-36 1/2
Flowers by Josie.....	31-37
Cornell Realty.....	31-37
Sylvester's Sports.....	27-41
Men's High Game: H. Johnson, 210; A. Smith, 190; G. Wolfe, 188.	
Men's High Series: E. Wilde, 510; A. Smith, 499; G. Wolfe, 492.	
Women's High Game: D. Mead, 197; D. Brantley, 175; A. Roman, 173.	
Women's High Series: D. Mead, 496; A. Roman, 447; R. Joyce, 441.	

Recreation League

North Country R.V.....	9-3
Peterson Saw Service.....	8-4
Mark 8.....	8-4
Glen's Market.....	8-4
Cornell's.....	6-6
Fun-N-Sun Rental.....	4-8
Mickey Perez CPA.....	3-9
Scheer Motors.....	2-10
High Game: K. McClain, 203; L. Johnson, 199; T. Hinds, 187.	
High Series: T. Hinds, 483; S. Sumner, 478; L. Johnson, 471.	

Triangle League

Milltown Carpet.....	16-4
Moshier Auto.....	12-8
Barber Construction.....	11-9
Airway Automation.....	11-9
A Team.....	9-11
Cal Schreiber Bldr.....	8-12
C.S.I.....	7-13
Jackson Trio.....	6-14
High Game: J. Golnick, 213, 200; R. Buskirk, 209, 191; T. Everly, T. Devin, R. Hinds, 189.	
High Series: J. Golnick, 593; R. Buskirk, 558; M. Campbell, 525.	

American Men's League

Red Barn.....	19-2
Burnside RV.....	16-5
Fenton's Auto.....	12-9
Upper Lakes.....	11-10
Stitches by Sue.....	9-12
Northwood Land.....	8-13
Buccilli's.....	7-14
McLean's Ace.....	2-19
High Game: M. Keir, 245; T. Devins, 214; R. Pyle, 207.	
High Series: M. Keir, 597; M. Sumner, 565; B. Hurd, 553.	

Northwood League

Heisel Brothers.....	10
Rich's Cycle Service.....	8
Wakeley's Auto Parts.....	8
Millikin's.....	7
R & M Masonary.....	6
Milltown Carpet.....	4
Rochette's.....	3
R. Calkins & Sons.....	2
High Game: S. Romain, 207; N. Glasslee, 202; L. Dannenberg, 196.	
High Series: N. Glasslee, 516; L. Dannenberg, 510; S. Romain, 501.	

Sunday Nite Mixed Doubles

Us & Them.....	15-1
C.S.I.....	11-5
Suttlis Truck Leasing.....	11-5
Computer Services.....	9-7
M.M.L.D.....	8-8
Gary's Drywall.....	7-9
Bye.....	2-14
R & M Masonary.....	1-15
Men's High Game: R. Adkinson, 232; J. Helsel, 227; R. Pyle, 614; J. Helsel, 605; R. Pyle, 552.	
Women's High Game: G. Murray, 210; M. Miller, 204; S. Sumner, 194.	
Women's High Series: M. Miller, 538; S. Sumner, 505; J. Hinds, 503.	

National First

Weyerhaeuser.....	4-0
Northern White Tail.....	4-0
Corky's D.J. & Karaoke.....	2-2
Forrest Brothers.....	2-2
Legion & D. Ross Const.....	2-2
Moore's Auto Parts.....	2-2
City Environmental.....	0-4
Guns & Grubs.....	0-4
High Game: D. Canfield, 237, 234, 220; C. Golnick, 229; B. Evon, 224.	
High Series: D. Canfield, 691; A. Angrove, 609; B. Palmer, 605.	

Comedy League

Black Sheep.....	6-0
Paul Bearers.....	5-1
Space Jammers.....	3-3
Spy's.....	3-3
Nutty Professors.....	2-4
Clerk's.....	2-4
Wild Natures.....	2-4
Tin Cops.....	1-5
High Game: Male: J. Handy, 129; Female: K. Davis, 138.	
High Series: Male: J. Handy, 234; Female: K. Davis, 247.	
Most Pins over Average: Male: J. Uricek, 48; Female: T. Davis, 45.	
Most Pins over Series: Male: J. Uricek, 0; Female: T. Davis, 25.	

Cartoon League

Ninja's.....	5-1
Goose Bumps.....	5-1
Flintstones.....	3.5-2.5
Looney Tunes.....	3-3
3 Stooges.....	3-3
Aristocats.....	2.5-3.5
Scooby Doo's.....	2-4
Rug Rats.....	0-6
High Game: Male: J. Lobsinger, 128; Female: S. Wilkerson, 111.	
High Series: Male: J. Mastej, 241; Female: D. Ginther, C. Newberry.	
Most Pins over Average: Male: J. Lobsinger, 38; Female: S. Wilkerson, 65.	
Most Pins over Series: Male: C. Turner, 4; Female: S. Wilkerson, 24.	

Pioneer League

Chemical Bank.....	9-3
Millikin's.....	9-3
Custom Interior.....	8-4
Lady Slippers.....	7-5
Ginger's.....	6-6
Mercy Hospital.....	5-7
Avalanche.....	2-10
Aunt Betty's.....	2-10
High Game: K. Trudeau, 195; Y. Schreiber, 194; J. Yoder, 192.	
High Series: M. Miller, 522; K. Trudeau, 500; J. Coors, 492.	

Action League

Lethal Weapons.....	6-2
Strike 2 Judgments.....	5-3
Men in Black.....	5-3
Natural Born Killers.....	4-4
J.C.'s 1st Strikers.....	4-4
Phantoms.....	3-5
Women in Black.....	3-5
Kung Fu Mania.....	2-6
High Game: Male: R. Strohpaal, 183; Female: D. Baker, 158.	
High Series: Male: R. Strohpaal, 475; Female: C. Romain, 426.	
Most Pins over Average: Male: E. Brinks, 51; Female: D. Baker, 30.	
Most Pins over Series: Male: R. Strohpaal, 64; Female: C. Romain, 21.	

MORTGAGE

FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE — Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by **Edward L. WARE and Cathryn M. WARE** husband and wife to **ROCK FINANCIAL CORPORATION**, Mortgagee, dated May 31, 1997 and recorded on June 11, 1997 in Liber 431, on Page 392, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the **EQUITY ONE CREDIT CORPORATION**, as an assignee by an assignment dated December 2, 1997 which was recorded on December 3, 1997, in Liber 442, on Page 456, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of **One Hundred Ninety Thousand Eight Hundred Twelve and 70/100 dollars (\$190,812.70)**, including interest at **11.725%** per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at **10:00 o'clock a.m., on February 18, 1998.**

Said premises are situated in **TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH BRANCH, Crawford County, Michigan**, and described as:

PARCEL 15: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section 19 for a Point of Beginning; thence S 0 degrees 06 minutes 15 seconds E along Section line 331.23 feet; thence N 89 degrees 57 minutes 03 seconds W 1318.63 feet; thence N 0 degrees 07 minutes W along 1/8th line 332.0 feet to the 1/8th corner; thence S 89

LEGAL ACTION

degrees 55 minutes E. along the Section line 1318.7 feet to the Point of beginning, being part of the E 1/2 of the NE 1/4, Section 19, T25N, R2W.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 8, 1998
EQUITY ONE CREDIT CORPORATION
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
(248) 642-4202
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for EQUITY ONE CREDIT CORPORATION
30150 Telegraph
Suite 100
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025
File # 97119167

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MORTGAGE

FORECLOSURE SALE

ROBERT A. TREMIN & ASSOCIATES, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR AND WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE — Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by **PEGGY S. RICE AND COREY D. RICE, JOINT TENANTS TO AAA MORTGAGE & FINANCIAL CORPORATION, A MICHIGAN CORPORATION**, Mortgagee, dated September 18, 1996 and recorded on October 16, 1996 in Liber 419, on Page 428, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the **CONTIMORTGAGE CORPORATION**, by an assignment dated September 18, 1996 which was recorded on April 8, 1997, in Liber 427, on Page 551, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of **Forty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Forty Eight and 23/100 dollars (\$48,448.23)**, including interest at **12.500%** per annum, with adjustable rate rider.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and approved, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at **10:00 o'clock a.m., on February 18, 1998.**

Said premises are situated in **TOWNSHIP OF BEAVER CREEK, CRAWFORD county, Michigan** and are described as:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, Thence North 233.0 Feet for the place of beginning, Thence North 100.0 Feet, Thence West 150.0 Feet to the Place of beginning. Being part of the north 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 8, 1998
CONTIMORTGAGE CORPORATION
Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgage
Robert A. Tremin & Associates, P.C.
401 South Old Woodward Avenue
Suite 300
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616
File # 2666469

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TOWNSHIP OF FREDERIC, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

To: The residents and property owners of the Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan and any other interested persons.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at a regular (or special) meeting held on January 6, 1998, the Township Board adopted Ordinance No. 98-1. The summary of the ordinance appears below.

LAND DIVISION ORDINANCE NO. 98-1

SECTION I - TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the "FREDERIC TOWNSHIP LAND DIVISION ORDINANCE".

SECTION II - PURPOSE. The purpose of this Ordinance is to carry out the provisions of the State Land Division Act, 1967 PA 288, as amended, formerly known as the Subdivision Control Act.

SECTION III - DEFINITIONS. This Section defines terms and phrases used in this Ordinance.

SECTION IV - PRIOR APPROVAL REQUIREMENT FOR LAND DIVISIONS. Sets out the requirements for prior review and approval of land divisions.

SECTION V - APPLICATION FOR LAND DIVISION APPROVAL. Sets out the documents required to be filed along with the application for land division approval.

SECTION VI - PROCEDURE FOR REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS FOR LAND DIVISION APPROVAL. Sets out the procedure to be followed when an application for land division approval has been filed, and states that the divisions must be approved or disapproved within 45 days after receipt of such application.

SECTION VII - STANDARDS FOR APPROVAL OF LAND DIVISIONS. States that a proposed land division shall be approved if all criteria in this section are met, i.e. minimum width, minimum depth, minimum area, adequate accessibility.

SECTION VIII - CONSEQUENCES OF NONCOMPLIANCE WITH LAND DIVISION APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS. Any parcel created without compliance with this ordinance shall not be recognized on the assessment roll and no construction thereon which requires the prior issuance of a construction or building permit shall be allowed.

SECTION IX - SEVERABILITY. Provides that if any portion of this Ordinance is declared invalid such invalidity shall not effect any other portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION X - REPEAL. Repeals all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith.

SECTION XI - EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect upon publication after adoption.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the full text of this Ordinance will be available for inspection and may be purchased at the office of the Township Clerk during regular business hours of regular business days from the date of this publication.

Frederic Township
Nancy Bindachatel, Clerk
P.O. Box 78, Frederic, MI 49733
(517) 348-8778

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STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OTSEGO CLAIMS NOTICE Independent Probate

File No. 956157

Estate of Bernice Hester Rice, 370-46-2686.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following:

The decedent, whose last known address was 6331 Willoway Drive, Elmira, Michigan 49730 died November 21, 1997.

An instrument dated November 10, 1982 has been admitted as the will of the deceased.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, Donald C. Rice, 6331 Willoway Drive, Elmira, Michigan 49730 or to both the independent personal representative and the Otsego County Probate Court, 225 W. Main, Gaylord, Michigan 49735, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice.

Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

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St. Johns, MI 48879
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STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

File No.: 97-326-GC
CENTURY 21 RIVER
COUNTRY REAL ESTATE, INC.
Plaintiff

v

JAY C. AND AMANDA J. RASMSEY,
Defendants
CAREY & ASSOCIATES P.C.
By: Eric G. Blubaugh (P55427)
2375 S. I-75 Business Loop
P.O. Drawer 665
Grayling, MI 49738
(517) 348-5232

ORDER TO ANSWER

TO JAY C. AND AMANDA J. RASMSEY
1. An action has been filed against you for breach of contract regarding certain real property located within Crawford County.

2. IT IS ORDERED that you shall file your answer with this Court and serve it upon the attorney for the Plaintiff, or take such other action as may be permitted by law, within 28 days of the last publication of this Order.

3. Failure to comply with this Order results in a judgement of default againsts you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

4. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order be published once each week for three consecutive weeks in Stark County, Ohio, the county in which the Defendants last resided.

Dated: 12/9/97

HONORABLE FRANCIS L. WALSH
District Court Judge

-8-15-22

NOTICE

POSITION ON THE CRAWFORD COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners are accepting applications from county residents interested in serving on the County Planning Commission. This appointment requires attendance of monthly meetings to discuss community issues which encompass the planning and growth of our community. This appointment will require effort and dedication to achieve quality success in community requirements for Crawford County growth.

Applicants are to be residents of Crawford County and may submit applications through January 30, 1998, to: Sandra Moore, County Clerk/Register of Deeds, Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738

Sandra Moore
Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds
1/5/98

-15-22-29

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The Grayling Township Planning Commission will hold a PUBLIC HEARING beginning at 7 pm on Tuesday, January 27, 1998, in the Conference Room of the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling to receive and review public comment regarding the following request:

Case 98-1: Dan & Gale King
3996 Juniper Way
Grayling, MI 49738
Property Code: 041-005-016-040-00
Location: 3996 Juniper Way
Sec. 5, T26N, R3W

A request to re-zone from C-1 to C-2 for the purpose of temporary storage of damaged vehicles in his custody needing secured storage & acquired during the course of business (wrecker & towing service). Note: Maximum storage time 30 days unless court ordered

Tentative text and zoning maps may be examined at the Township Office during regular business hours.

Correspondence concerning the request should be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Phone (517) 348-4361, or FAX (517) 348-6713.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

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NORTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE 1998

DATE	STARTING TIME	PLACE
January 15	7 pm	North Central Community Mental Health 204 Meadows Drive, Grayling
February 19	7 pm	North Central Community Mental Health 527 Cobbs Street, Cadillac
March 19	7 pm	North Central Community Mental Health 2715 Townline Road, Houghton Lake
April 16	7 pm	North Central Community Mental Health 204 Meadows Drive, Grayling
May 21	7 pm	North Central Community Mental Health 527 Cobbs Street, Cadillac
June 18	7 pm	North Central Community Mental Health 2715 Townline Road, Houghton Lake
July 16	7 pm	North Central Community Mental Health 204 Meadows Drive, Grayling
August 20	7 pm	North Central Community Mental Health 527 Cobbs Street, Cadillac
September 17	7 pm	R.O.Q.C. 11051 N. Cut Rd., Pioneer Hills, Roscommon
October 15	7 pm	North Central Community Mental Health 204 Meadows Drive, Grayling
November 19	7 pm	North Central Community Mental Health 527 Cobbs Street, Cadillac
December 17	7 pm	North Central Community Mental Health 2715 Townline Road, Houghton Lake

All board meetings are open to the public. If any person with a disability needs accommodations, please call the director's office three days prior to the posted meeting date.

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LEGAL ACTION

MORTGAGE

FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE — Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by **Michael J. HARMER, a single man and Shenna A. DIX (Original Mortgagees)** to **Flagstar Bank, FSB**, Mortgagee, dated October 22, 1996 and recorded on October 25, 1996 in Liber 420, on Page 219-226, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the **COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.**, as an assignee by an assignment dated November 14, 1996 which was recorded on January 17, 1997, in Liber 424, on Page 128, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of **Seventy-Six Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Six and 71/100 (\$76,556.71)**, including interest at **7.50%** per annum. Adjustable Rate Mortgage. Interest rate may change on 1/1 of each year.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at **10:00 o'clock a.m., on Wednesday, February 18, 1998.**

Said premises are situated in **TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan**, and are described as:

Lot 16, EAST BRANCH ESTATES, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 8, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 8, 1998
COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
(248) 642-4202
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.,
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Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025
File # 97120411

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FACTS AND FEATURES

HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of January 18-24

ARIES

March 21-April 20

Social gatherings prove to be hectic, but they could provide an outlet for your frustrations. Don't be shy this week. Take a chance on something you really want, and you will be pleasantly surprised at the outcome.

TAURUS

April 21-May 21

You need an objective point of view this week. Look at home for the voice of reason. A young person has the answers to a dilemma you've been wrestling with for weeks. Look outside for some relaxation.

GEMINI

May 22-June 21

This is a good time to travel. You could be looking for help if you don't remember to check the car before you take off, though. Romance is in the strangest place this weekend. Your companion delights you with a surprise.

CANCER

June 22-July 22

Beware an offer that seems too good to be true. Focus instead on the budget you had previously planned. Consult with an expert before you make any big purchases. Your evenings are going to be very interesting. Don't forget previous obligations.

LEO

July 23-August 23

Someone who's being unusually difficult could have a hidden reason. A little work on your part could reveal the agenda behind the attitude. Don't be afraid to stand firm in your belief on this issue. Spend some time with a friend or relative and catch up on their news; it may indirectly involve you.

VIRGO

August 24-September 22

Build your personal relationships as the week progresses. By the end of the week, you need to have your desk clear for a new project that's going to be large in nature. You have the potential to really be valuable if you buck up and meet the challenges.

LIBRA

September 23-October 23

Don't let a compliment go to your head. A difficult situation holds a rare chance. Turn the tables on your opponent and you'll benefit far more than you expect. Look to a family member for some advice that will be really handy as you move forward.

SCORPIO

October 24-November 22

You could be the difference between success and failure. Don't ignore the person doing the footwork, though. You count on them more than you realize, and you need to recognize it out loud.

SAGITTARIUS

November 23-December 31

This is a good week to start an improvement project. Personal fitness is a good goal, but enjoy something delicious mid-week. Gather the people around you who matter the most. Their extra support could be very important to your outlook.

CAPRICORN

December 22-January 20

A small, repetitive task holds the key to insights about your character. Don't miss this chance to get involved in changes at home. You hold the key to more than the car tonight; you hold someone's future. Be alert to the warning signs.

AQUARIUS

January 21-February 18

You are known for being outgoing, but it's a good week to lay low. Take some time to assess where you're heading and finalize plans for a getaway. Nobody is going to thank you for the help you gave last week, but don't give up. Keep helping out. It's making a difference.

PISCES

February 19-March 20

Put your money where your mouth is this week. You've been talking a good game, but it's time to either commit your resources or stop boasting about your ability. Your well-being is at stake in personal matters. Don't hesitate to apologize for mistakes.

For Entertainment Purposes Only

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Turkey stuffed green peppers

(Makes 6 servings)

6 large green peppers
1 lb. ground turkey
1/2 C. chopped celery
1/2 C. chopped onion
1 t. firmly-packed brown sugar
1 t. dry mustard
1/4 t. salt
1/8 t. pepper

Wash peppers. Cut off tops and remove seedy portions. Place peppers, cut sides up, in shallow glass baking dish. Set aside.

Crumble ground turkey into large microwaveable bowl. Add celery and onion.

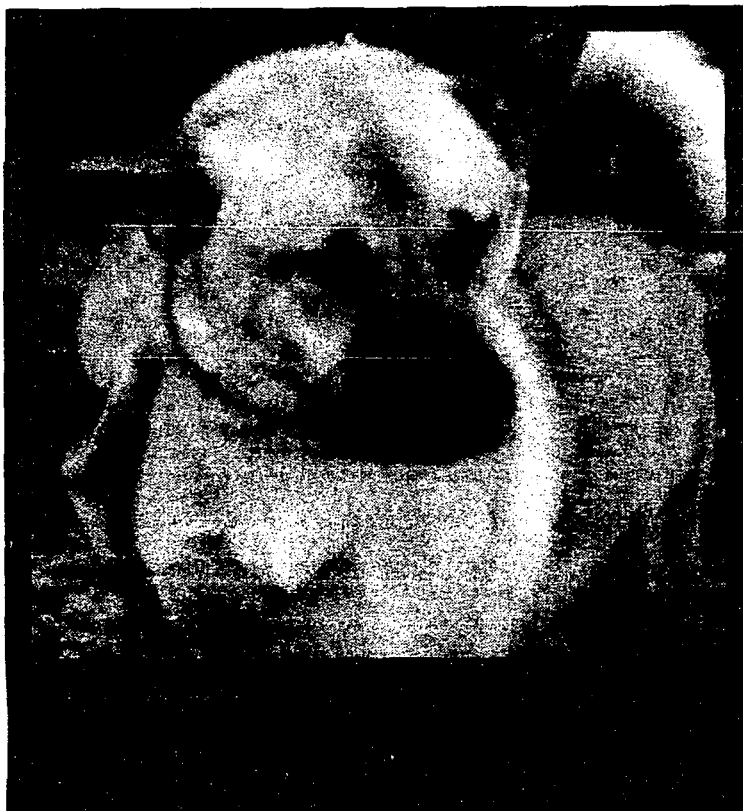
Microwave at HIGH (100%) for 6 to 7 minutes or until turkey is fully cooked, stirring occasionally. Drain off excess drippings.

Stir in remaining ingredients except cheese. Spoon mixture into peppers, dividing evenly. Microwave at HIGH for 15 minutes or until filling is heated and pepper are tender, rotating dish a half

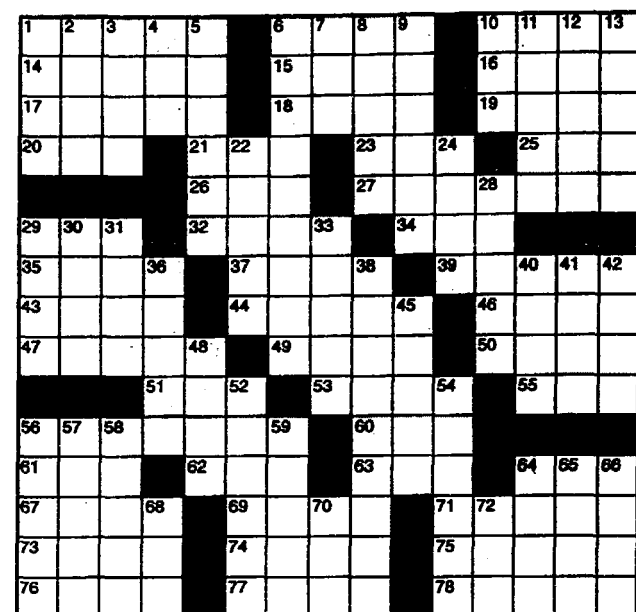
1/2 C. catsup
1 T. vinegar
1 T. Worcestershire sauce
1 can (8 oz.) tomato sauce
1 C. oven-toasted rice cereal or coarse bread crumbs
3 slices American cheese, cut diagonally to make 6 triangles

turn halfway through cooking time. Remove from microwave oven. Top with cheese triangles. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.

Each serving: 249 calories, 6g fat, 47mg cholesterol, 668mg sodium, 29g carbohydrates, 24g protein.



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6. "Kind Of A..." (Buckingham song)
10. Laundry basins
14. The Mutiny
15. Thine
16. City founded by Harald Haardraade
17. Shiftless one
18. 1492 ship
19. Talk show pioneer
20. Moines
21. NBC's parent
23. Roof material in a Williams title
25. Scram cowboy-style
26. Nightmare street
27. Trappers
29. Six-time NL homer champ
32. Hop (2 wds.)
34. Hot Springs, e.g.
35. Actor Morris
37. Rainbow Bridge state
39. Edible part of rhubarb
43. Folk wisdom
44. Horror-film baddie
46. One of the Gemini
47. Looking at
49. Moore of Ghost
50. Shirt part
51. Keep an to the ground
53. Appear

55. Gaffer Trevino
56. Trip
60. Chem. or biol.
61. Egyptian snake
62. Baseball's Maglie
63. Distant prefix
64. Small bit
67. Send, as a letter
69. Glass piece
71. The Sons Of Elder
73. Hart of spydom
74. Famed volcano
75. Seavard and Clapton
76. Did perfectly on a test
77. Oliver or Donna
78. Foreign and front, e.g.

DOWN

1. Etching fluid
2. Dip out
3. Many Louvre works
4. Note Samba
5. Search out
6. Blew up
7. Ubu (Alfred Jarry play)
8. Family members
9. Iotas
10. Pinnacle
11. Customary practice
12. Underwood of "A. Law"
13. Iks
22. Cumulus, e.g.
24. Sources of second winds
28. Dilapidated
29. Leer
30. Rensselaer's city
31. Hatcher of Soapdish
33. Makes gentle
36. Heredity factors
38. Act (1862)
40. Missing, GI-style
41. Alvin
42. Climb upon my
45. Marilyn, to Lily Munster
48. Mobsters' guns
52. McCormick's invention
54. Did a farm job
56. "Mia" (Abba)
57. Singer Hayes
58. Vendetta cause, sometimes
59. Paten
64. Cornelia Skinner
65. Singer Nelson
66. Polanski film
68. A Dog
70. Wind dir.
72. Area measure

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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 YEARS AGO

January 9, 1975

Gordon "Sandy" Thompson named to City Council to fill the vacancy from Robert Bovee's recent resignation.

All Aleins Must Register During January!!

John F. Cook, Jr., formerly a Grayling resident, is pictured on page 55 of the January issue of Vogue magazine, modeling David Smith sportswear at the Boca Raton Hotel & Club of Boca Raton, Fla. He is assistant golf pro at the club.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Krause of Grayling on Dec. 29, a son, Keith Anthony, weighing 10 pounds and 10 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. John Medler of Grayling are the proud parents of a son, Jason Asa, born Jan. 4, weighing eight pounds and one and one half ounces.

Dick Selthoffer was the winner of the Rose Bowl, first touch down contest held at Olson's of Grayling. For his educated guess Dick will receive a tailored measured sport-coat of his own choosing.

The Waggoners are playing at the Safari Lounge at the Holiday Inn.

46 YEARS AGO

January 10, 1952

Max Davenport, Grayling City Manager, was installed as the 1952 president of the Kiwanis Club of Grayling at the club's regular meeting held Monday night at the Lone Pine Inn. Also installed at that time were: Don Gothro, first vice-president; Russell Allen, second vice-president; Robert Bovee, secretary-treasurer and James McGee, Leslie Hunter and William Joseph as new members of the board of directors.

Vivette Isenhauer, Grayling High senior, will be crowned Grayling's Winter Sports Queen for 1952 at coronation ceremonies at the Grayling Winter Sports Park

Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. She will receive the embelmetic crown from the hands of Rean Mooney of Gaylord, immediate past president of Eastern Michigan Sports Council. The new queen will be attended by her court, selected last weekend, are Donna Blackmer, Shirley Hoerls, Juanita Morency, and Besty Neiderer.

Cpl. Stanley Hummel, Jr., left New Years day to return to his camp in Georgia. Charley Feldhauser rode with him as far as Cincinnati, Ohio, to go to Front Royal, Vir., to spend some time with his son, Otis and family.

Jack Kolka, son of Joseph Kolka, enlisted in the paratroops and is stationed at Camp Custer. Others who have enlisted in the service are: Calvin Schreiber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Schreiber; Jack Goss, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Goss; and Wilfred "Pee Wee" Laurant, son of William Laurant. All enlisted in the Marines and left for Detroit Sunday enroute to their base in San Diego.

Carole Anne Gross, daughter of the Clarence Gross', celebrated her birthday Sunday by entertaining nine of her girl friends. Ice cream and cake were enjoyed. Games were played with Nancy Cornell and Carol Millikin receiving prizes.

Miss Patricia Stephan and Miss Marlene Jensen returned Monday, to Northeastern Business School, Bay City, after enjoying the holidays with their parents.

A baby daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lovely on Monday, Jan. 7.

69 YEARS AGO

January 10, 1929

County Treasurer William Ferguson reports the receipt of \$4,934.60 for auto licenses so far this year.

Joe Gavenda has purchased a brand new Essex Six from Corwin Auto Sales. The new six has many new improvements and has a speed

of 70 miles an hour.

Fire of uncertain origin occurred in the front room of the Salling Hanson Co. offices Tuesday about 1 p.m.

What is to be known as the Fellowcraft Club has been organized in connection with the Masonic fraternity. Officers were elected at a meeting held Tuesday night and are as follows: Pres., Harold McNeven; vice-pres., E.N. Darveau; secretary, Nyland Houghton; treasurer, Al Roberts. The club starts off with eleven members and hopes ultimately to have a hundred.

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held at the Court House on Jan. 2. Present were Chairman Oliver B. Scott, Floyd A. Goshorn, Frank E. Love, A. J. Nelson, James E. Kellogg and Rufus Edmonds.

92 YEARS AGO

January 11, 1906

C. F. Kelley of Frederic was down Tuesday and reports plenty of snow and business booming.

Dr. H. H. Merriman late of Gladwin has decided to locate here for the practice of his profession. He has rented the office of N. P. Olson next to the Central Drug Store.

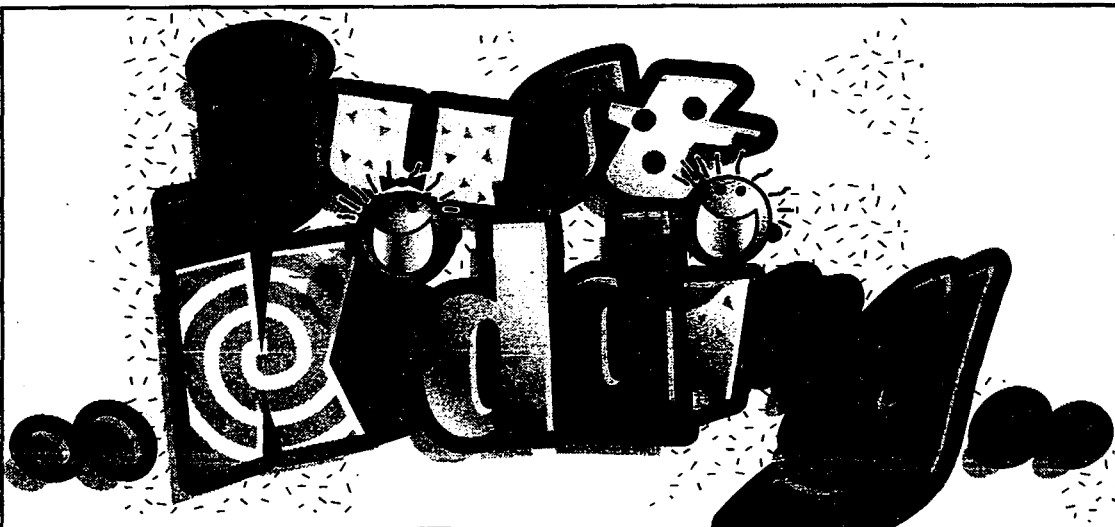
Last Saturday would pass for nearly a blizzard. Not cold but a searching wind about six inches of snow which was badly drifted.

A fire at Lewiston New Years morning destroyed O. S. Kneeland's general store.

At a meeting of the township board Monday, the resignation of Supervisor Collen was presented and accepted and John J. Neiderer appointed to fill the vacancy.

H. A. Bauman is home this week from his lumbering in the Menominee district.

Some of our smart boys will get themselves into serious trouble if they do not stop throwing snowballs at passing teams and people.



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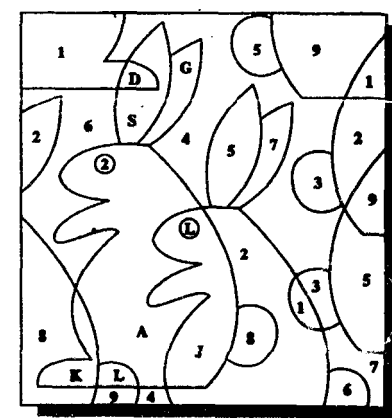
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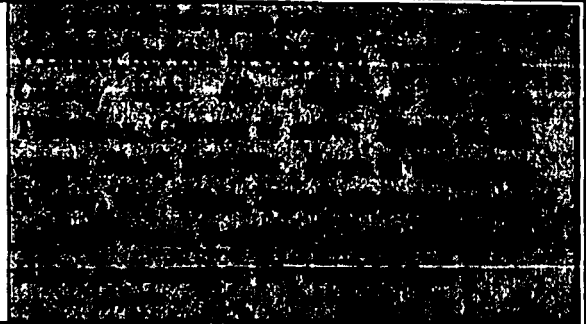


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WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Date	High	Low	Precip
1/7	40	29	
1/8	29	23	
1/9	30	23	.37
1/10	33	11	
1/11	10	2	
1/12	13	5	
1/13	26	6	.28



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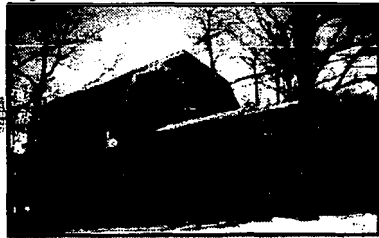
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QUIET, YOUNG, CONVENIENT NEIGHBORHOOD! Three bedrooms, one bath offers 1,080 sq. ft. Walk-out patio door off dining room. Large picture window and free-standing fireplace in living room. Appliances include stove, refrigerator and dishwasher. Two-car attached garage. Conveniently located close to schools, town and recreational activities. \$46,500. CS-682



AUSABLE RIVER SOUTH BRANCH Park-like setting with decking overlooking river and large front yard. 1,116 sq. ft., well-maintained cottage with bow window, 1 1/2-car garage, appliances and contents negotiable. NEW OFFERING. \$94,900. CH-633



100' OF FRONTAGE ON BEAUTIFUL CUB LAKE! ENTERTAINING IS PART OF THE REAL JOY OF OWNING THIS LAKEFRONT HOME. Three to four bedrooms, two baths, 1,824 sq. ft., open floor plan dramatizes kitchen, dining room and living room. Walk-out door leads onto deck with fantastic view of Cub Lake. Kitchen offers breakfast bar, lazy susan. Cub Lake is a 53-acre lake with good swimming and fishing, and a sandy bottom. \$148,000. CS-685



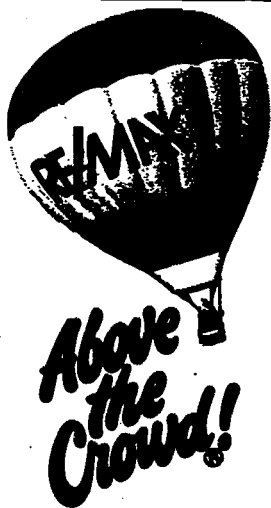
LOG HOME ON THE AUSABLE RIVER MAINSTREAM 2.8 acres with secluded 267' frontage, 2,286 sq. ft. with vaulted beamed ceilings, master bedroom suite with Jacuzzi and steam bath, marble and pine flooring, fireplace, brick foyer, custom lighting, swimming pool, hot tub, satellite, shuffleboard court, sprinkling system, brick BBQ, central A/C. Many other extras. Looking for that unique property? Reduced, \$248,000. CH-441



HOME IN THE CITY Offering low-maintenance vinyl siding and replacement windows, new roof, furnace, electrical and plumbing, privacy fencing in back yard, two bedrooms, bathroom recently remodeled. \$48,900. CS-635



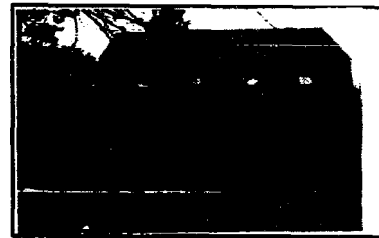
NEW OFFERING AuSable River Mainstream, Corner's Road near McMaster's Bridge. Outstanding views of 385' frontage, custom cedar home featuring 2,305 sq. ft. living area, three bedrooms, two baths (antique bath fixtures), knotty pine T&G vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors, screen porch, covered decks, Pella windows, fireplace, Swedish woodburning stove, large dock, very private setting, 2 1/2-car garage, satellite, many quality features. CH-617



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 9 am - 5 pm
 Sun. - by
 appointment
 5728 M-72 W.



GET-AWAY COTTAGE Newly-painted interior and floor coverings go with this cute three-bedroom, one-bath retreat. Features porch, and woodstove heat for added comfort. Be ready to ride when the snow flies! \$39,900. CS-343



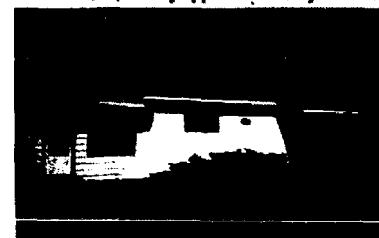
STATELY "COLONIAL" NESTLED IN A SECLUDED SETTING LESS THAN ONE MILE FROM CITY LIMITS Current decor and custom built-ins add special charm to this home. All appliances, six-panel wood doors, 2,500+ sq. ft., four bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, family room, bonus room, master bedroom suite, fireplace. Full, unfinished attic, screen porch, circled concrete drive. Additional property available with barn. \$153,800. CH-457



RANCH-STYLE HOME nestled amongst virgin pines on approximately one acre +/- Features include 917 sq. ft., LP forced-air heat, two bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, woodstove in living room, walk-out patio door off dining area onto deck. Dishwasher, garbage disposal and washer/dryer included. Blacktop drive, two-car detached garage. New plumbing, electric and furnace, roof four years old. Thousands of acres federal land with Wakeley Lake across the road. AuSable River 1/2 mile, country store 1 1/2 miles. Reduced, \$54,500. CS-629



NEW OFFERING AuSable Mainstream, one mile downstream of Grayling. Approximately 250' secluded frontage with mature white/Norway pines. 1,100 sq. ft. home, basement, screened porch. Home in excellent condition, private drive with gated entrance. \$96,500. By appointment only. CH-618



LOOKING FOR A SMALL, WELL-PRICED HOME FOR YOUR FAMILY? Check this one: 1,032 sq. ft., three bedrooms, one bath, large double lot with cyclone fenced yard and large willow tree for the kids to play in. Very neat and clean. Natural gas heat, cable TV, close to town, schools and shopping. \$48,800. CS-641



LAKE MARGRETHE WITH PRIVATE FRONTAGE IN HUNTINGTON WOODS PARK Landscaped yard, abundance of wildlife. Stove, refrigerator, microwave, disposal, washer, dryer and all window treatments included. Knotty pine wainscot, recessed lighting in kitchen. Sliding glass door onto rear deck. ALL FOR \$82,500. CH-689

1. Real Estate

PRICE REDUCED, \$39,500, two bedroom, one bath, vacant, 300 Huron St. (one block from Cornell Insurance on M-72 East), was \$44,500. 348-4055. 11/13/97tf/1

1. Real Estate

JUST COMPLETED THREE BEDROOM, 1 1/2 bath, two car garage, natural gas heat, two miles from Grayling, \$85,000. 333 Redwing Terrace. Call 348-8945 or 348-4068. -10/23/97tf/1

1. Real Estate

FOR SALE OR RENT Two-three bedroom, vinyl sided, partial log home. New 4" well, furnace and carpet. Near AuSable River state land. Contact 517-348-7355. 12-4-97tf/1

FOR SALE BY OWNER In town, low maintenance house, two bedroom, one bath, kitchen with dining area. Full furnished basement, bedroom, den, family room, kitchen. All new appliances, carpet, window treatments. Lots of storage area. For details call 1-616-592-0320. LR1/21/98/1

HUNTING CAMP 10-80 acres w/ cabins, can divide. Surrounded by state land, \$14,000 - \$112,000. N. Grayling, MI. Financing possible. 616-947-1990. 11/20/97tf/1

NEWLY BUILT 1,250 sq. ft., three bedroom, attached garage. 123'x165' lot, Karen Woods subdivision. 6174 Libby. \$72,500. 348-4840. -15-22-29-5/1

AUSABLE RIVER home on Wendy Lane. Lovely four bedroom, 1 1/2 baths. Chalet. Fireplace, attached 1 1/2 car garage, furnished. Beautiful setting on 10 acres with 175 ft. frontage. Owner very anxious. Reduced to \$139,000. Call Hamrick Real Estate Co. P.C. Phone or fax, 517-348-5433, evenings 348-8336. 12/18/97tf/1

AUSABLE COUNTRY ACRES Large wooded lots, a log home association development. Park, cable, underground utilities, near AuSable River and Kneff Lake. Land contract terms by owner. Contact 517-348-7355, Grayling. 12/29/97tf/1

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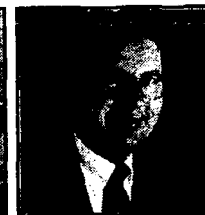
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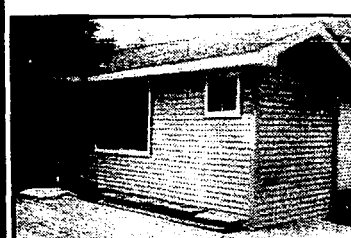
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READY FOR OCCUPANCY Newly-constructed three-bedroom home features 1,440, two full baths, wood floors, kitchen and dining room, natural hickory cabinets, open floor plan, vinyl siding and two-car attached garage, tucked in 1.73 acres of hardwoods close to town. Motivated seller! \$83,000. #JC-529



TURN-KEY COTTAGE - BRING LINENS, TOWELS AND FOOD, THAT'S ALL YOU WILL NEED Lake Margrethe access down the hill two blocks away. Completely furnished with Rittenhouse antiques. 680 sq. ft. of living space with 1 1/2 baths and full basement. Two-car attached garage. \$65,000. #JG-610



HOUGHTON LAKE Where else could you find a cottage with 153' of shared lake frontage for only \$32,000? This cottage has been completely updated: vinyl siding, roof, floor coverings, cedar T&G interior, deck. You won't even have to mow the grass, or put the dock in next spring! \$32,000. #JC-560



THREE-BEDROOM MOBILE in the city of Grayling. Handyman special on 60x120 lot, for only \$8,000. #JG-395

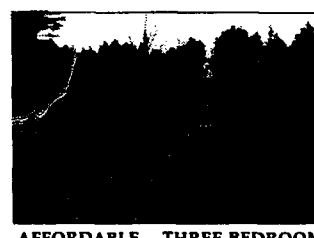
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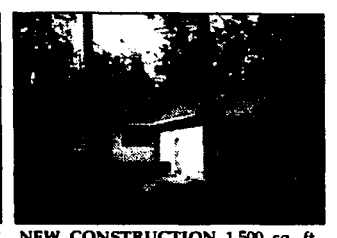
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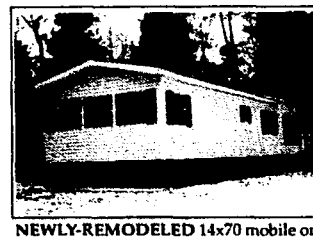
WATER FRONTAGE One-bedroom cabin with a beautiful view of East Branch of Big Creek. Fully furnished and only minutes from snowmobile trail in Luzerne, double lot with nice trees. \$43,900. (SG-28)



AFFORDABLE THREE-BEDROOM HOME offers 1,306 sq. ft., family room, one bath, newer roof and furnace, two-car garage, on wooded .71 acre lot close to town. \$49,700. (KM-21)



NEW CONSTRUCTION 1,500 sq. ft., three bedrooms, three baths, garage and full basement. Quality! Located on 2 1/2 secluded acres with large trees. Must see! \$121,000. (JW-73)



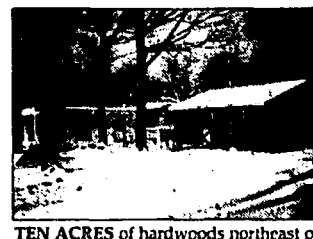
NEWLY-REMODELED 14x70 mobile on beautiful lot. Large kitchen with bay window. Mostly drywall, six-inch insulated walls, track and spot lights. Internal stereo system. \$35,000. (JW-67)



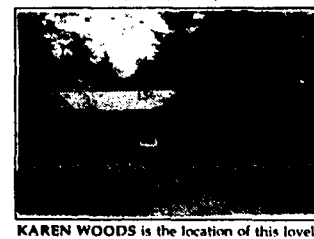
THREE-BEDROOM, ONE-BATH SALTBOX Walking distance to the North branch, 2 1/2 acres with great hunting. Large garage with work area. Electric heat and economical stove. Near state land. \$49,900. (SG-27)



HOME WITH ACREAGE Over 1,700 sq. ft. with three bedrooms, two baths, woodburner, large garage and carport, roof cellar and satellite dish. Extra well for garden and lawn. Excellent condition. \$96,000. Reduced, \$89,900. (DL-55)



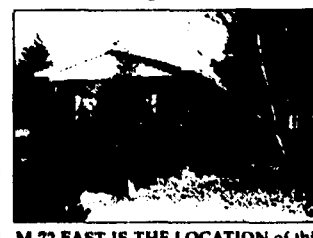
TEN ACRES of hardwoods northeast of Frederic. 14x60 mobile with a 24x24 attached building. Great area for hunting and snowmobiling. \$29,000. (FS-41)



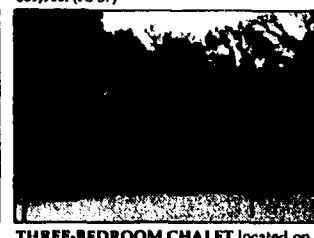
KAREN WOODS is the location of this lovely three-bedroom home. Covered patio, two-car garage. Beautiful custom fireplace, includes appliances. Large corner lot with nice trees. \$59,900. (FS-37)



AUSABLE WOODS This beautiful new home is ready to move in! It has 1,512 sq. ft., four bedrooms, two full baths, 20x22 finished garage. Must see to appreciate. \$112,000. (LM-954)



M-72 EAST IS THE LOCATION of this three-bedroom mobile home with roof over. New furnace. Includes stove and refrigerator, 24x40 garage and satellite dish, plus your own trout pond. \$46,900. (DL-94)



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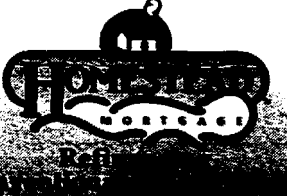
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TWO BEDROOM HOUSE for rent in town. References, \$400/month plus utilities. Call 348-2473. -15/2

TWO BEDROOM HOUSE on Ot-tawa Street. \$400 per month. Northwood Rentals. 517-275-5225. -1/15/98td/2

ONE BEDROOM DUPLEX Spruce Street. \$350 per month. Northwood Rentals. 517-275-5225. -1/15/98td/2

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				\$28,400

1/16/97td/2

3. Employment

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3. Employment

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COUNSELOR for Rainbow Services for Youth and Families Program covering Crawford and Roscommon counties. B.A. or B.S. Degree in Sociology, Psychology, Social Work, Guidance and Counselor or related fields. Previous experience in counseling or related services preferred (preferably with youth). Starting salary: \$20,500 plus benefits package. Applicants should submit resume and letter of interest identifying job applied for to: Personnel Department, NEMCSA, 2375 Gordon Road, Alpena, MI 49707 no later than Wednesday, January 28, 1998. EOE. Upon request auxiliary aids and services will be made available to individuals with disabilities. -15/3

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CHILDREN'S LEARNING CENTER at Kirtland College has openings for age 2 1/2 years and up. Full day or part-time accepted. We offer a pre-school program in the morning. Call Nancy at 517-275-5121, ext. 232, or write to 15 College Drive, Roscommon, MI 48653. -15-22-29/4

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HOUSE OF WAX 3-D movie, coming January 29th. -15-22/4

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6. Wanted

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7. Miscellaneous

HOUSE OF WAX 3-D movie, coming January 29th. -15-22/7

8. Announcements

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SCRAPBOOK CLASSES at J. Day Co., 118 Mich. Ave. Jan. 14, 21, 28, 7-9 p.m. Call 348-4011 to register for classes and more information. -8-15/5

SEASONED OAK FIRE WOOD \$40 per cord delivered and stacked. Leave message. 348-6340. LR1/29/98/5

DIAMOND TENNIS BRACELET for sale. Appraised at \$1,800 but asking \$1,100. 348-2148, any time of day. Ask for Heidi. -15/5

HOUSE OF WAX 3-D movie, coming January 29th. -15-22/5

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8. Announcements

WELCOME WAGON HOSTESSES Call Betty Mansfield, 348-8562, or Mary Lou Passmore, 348-5816, if you are a newcomer, engaged or a new mother. 8/3/85td/8

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9. Personals



Barb & Bob Smock

Come celebrate with us, the Smock family, on our parents' 50th Wedding Anniversary. If you've ever worked with, were friends with or may have been babysat by our parents, please stop in and congratulate them. The celebration will take place on January 17th, from 2 until 8 pm, at the Grayling Legion Hall. Gifts not necessary. Any questions, please call Joe Smock at 348-6202.

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1-2-98



11. Automotive

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9. Personals

CONGRATULATIONS MOM AND DAD We love you, Jody, Jamie, Jessica, Justin and Paige. -15/9

Happy 25th Anniversary Debbie & Lenny Lobsinger
Jan. 6, 1998



REQUEST FOR BIDS

Northeast Michigan Consortium is seeking a bidder to fabricate and install signs on Michigan Works! offices in the counties of Alcona, Cheboygan, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle. Signs must be constructed according to city ordinances and must meet building owner approval. Bid deadline is January 26, 1998. For specifications and further information, contact Jerilyn Hyde, (517) 733-8548, Northeast Michigan Consortium, P.O. Box 711, Onaway, MI 49765

An Equal Opportunity Employer. Auxiliary aids and services will be made available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Michigan Relay Center 1-800-649-3777 (voice & TDD). -15-22/3

POSITION OPENINGS

STAFF WRITER - Full-time

For general news, features and sports. Requires some evenings and weekends. Education and experience in journalism and photography a plus. Must be well organized and able to work within deadlines. Benefits.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The City of Grayling, Michigan is seeking qualified applicants for the position of City Treasurer.

This position reports directly to and is appointed by the City Manager. The day to day work consists of normal accounting functions and treasurer duties, including direct supervision of one employee and responsibility for administration of the City Income Tax.

The person selected for this job must possess a high level of competence in computer operations and be able to operate independently using the fund balance system and a recently installed property tax program (BS&A).

Salary and benefits will be dependent upon qualifications and/or education/experience. Current salary mid \$30,000.00 with a full fringe benefit package.

Additional details regarding the position may be obtained from the Grayling City Manager at 103 S. James, Grayling, MI 49738. Inquiries will be handled in a confidential manner if desired. The City of Grayling is an equal opportunity employer. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Jerry Morford, City Manager
12/19/97/3

Are you interested in getting a new pet, but don't have the money to pay high pet store prices? We have the perfect solution:

Adopt a pet from our local animal shelter.

Our shelter has a variety of cats and dogs that don't have a home or a loving family to care for them. Come and take a look at these animals that are just waiting to be loved by your family. You're sure to fall in love with at least one!



Animal Shelter of Crawford County
508 1/2 Huron St.
348-4117

STOP WHEN FLASHING

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REAR EXIT

Happy Birthday Russ!
From: Art & Diane, Steve & Ruth, Sue & Mark

8. Announcements

ADULT FOSTER CARE has openings in the Kalkaska, Grayling area. 616-258-3402. -15-22-29/8

HOUSE OF WAX 3-D movie, coming January 29th. -15-22/8

A ROOF OVER YOUR HEAD can always be found in the Avalanche For Rent Classifieds. (517) 348-6811

Crawford County Library Hours
Mon. - Thurs. 10:00 to 7:00 pm
Fri. 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sat. 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Chill Out To Some Hot Tunes
Speak Easy Saloon
Presents Live Entertainment
Tuesday thru Saturday
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Holiday Inn

8. Announcements

COME EARLY TO SPIKE'S for our Friday night fish fry. Just \$5.95, adults, \$3.25 for kids, beginning at 4 p.m. 1/15/98td/8

SPIKE'S now has lunch special, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Mon. - Fri. -15/8

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9. Personals

I, MARTY HARRIS will no longer be responsible for any debts other than my own as of January 15, 1998.
-15/9
HOUSE OF WAX 3-D movie, coming January 29th.
-15-22/9

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10. Garage Sales

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11. Automotive

FOR SALE '91 S10 ext. cab, 4 x 4, 4.3L, five speed, high miles (hwy), matching cap. \$4,500. 348-4750. Call after 5 p.m.
-15-22/11

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11. Automotive

1990 OLDS SILHOUETTE good condition, asking \$5,900. Call 348-5633.
-8-15/11
'91 CHEVY 8-10 TAHOE 4x4, extended cab, 4.3 engine, auto, air, top, \$5,900. 348-4443.
-8-15/11

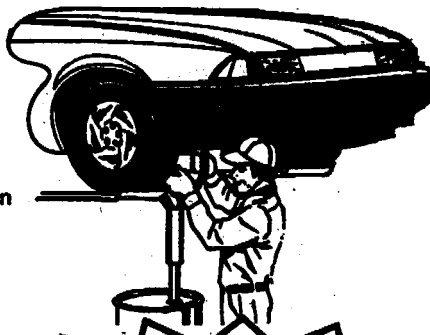
11. Automotive

OFF LEASE very nice 1996 Ford 150, 4wd, extended cab pickup. Stereo, bed liner, much more. 42,000 miles. \$16,500. 348-2906.
-8-15/11

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1987 CADILLAC DEVILLE 4-DR. SEDAN - White, 4.6 Liter V-8, 16,004 miles. Options: AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, ABS, AC, TSW, CC. \$29,900
1987 CADILLAC SEVILLE TOURING SEDAN 4-DR. - Black, 4.6 Liter V-8, 16,558 miles. Options: AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, ABS, AC, TSW, CC. \$34,900
1987 PONTIAC GRAND PRIDE GT 4-DR. SEDAN - Red, 3.8 Liter V-6, 23,423 miles. Options: AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, ABS, CD, AC, TSW, CC. \$18,999
1988 BUICK CENTURY SPECIAL 4-DR. SEDAN - Red, 3.1 Liter V-6, 28,522 miles. Options: AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, ABS, AC, TSW. \$19,999
1988 BUICK SKYLARK CUSTOM 4-DR. SEDAN - Dark silver, 3.8 Liter V-6, 30,705 miles. Options: AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, ABS, AC, TSW, CC. \$14,999
1988 BUICK SKYLARK CUSTOM 4-DR. SEDAN - Green, 3.1 Liter V-6, 19,241 miles. Options: AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, ABS, AC, TSW, CC. \$10,999
1988 CHEVROLET BERETTA 2-DR. COUPE - Green, 3.1 Liter V-6, 20,543 miles. Options: AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, ABS, AC. \$9,999
1988 CHEVROLET CORSAICA 4-DR. SEDAN - Red, 3.1 Liter V-6, 37,067 miles. Options: AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, ABS, AC. \$9,999
1988 CHEVROLET CORSAICA 4-DR. SEDAN - White, 3.1 Liter V-6, 21,719 miles. Options: AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, ABS, AC. \$9,999
1988 CHEVROLET CORSAICA 4-DR. SEDAN - Red, 2.2 Liter 4-cyl., 25,532 miles. Options: AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, ABS, AC. \$9,999
1988 CHEVROLET CORSAICA 4-DR. SEDAN - White, 3.1 Liter V-6, 29,870 miles. Options: AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, ABS, AC. \$9,999
1988 CHEVROLET LUMINA 4-DR. SEDAN - Blue, 3.1 Liter V-6, 39,560 miles. Options: AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, ABS, AC, TSW, CC. \$11,999
1988 PLYMOUTH NEON 4-DR. SEDAN - Red, 2.0 Liter 4-cyl., 36,893 miles. Options: AT, PS, PB, AC. \$9,299
1988 BUICK REGAL LIMITED 4-DR. SEDAN - Gold, 3.8 Liter V-6, 22,615 miles. Options: AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, ABS, CD, AC, TSW, CC. \$14,999
1988 CHEVROLET BERETTA 2-DR. COUPE - Blue, 2.2 Liter 4-cyl., 32,677 miles. Options: AT, PS, PB, PDL, ABS, AC. \$9,299
1988 CHEVROLET CORSAICA 4-DR. SEDAN - Blue, 2.2 Liter 4-cyl., 35,777 miles. Options: AT, PS, PB, PDL, ABS, AC. \$7,999
1988 CHEVROLET LUMINA 4-DR. SEDAN - White, 3.1 Liter V-6, 48,695 miles. Options: AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, ABS, AC, TSW, CC. \$10,999
1988 GEO PRIZM 4-DR. SEDAN - Black, 1.8 Liter 4-cyl., 39,356 miles. Options: PS, PB, PDL, AC. \$7,999



1988 PLYMOUTH NEON HIGHLINE 4-DR. SEDAN - Purple, 2.0 Liter 4-cyl., 31,361 miles. Options: AT, PS, AC, PB. \$9,999
1988 CHEVROLET LUMINA 4-DR. SEDAN - White, 3.1 Liter V-6, 86,902 miles. Options: AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, ABS, AC, TSW, CC. \$7,999
1988 DODGE INTREPID 4-DR. SEDAN - White, 3.2 Liter V-6, 82,892 miles. Options: AT, PS, PB, PW, ABS, AC, TSW, CC. \$7,999
1988 FORD ESCORT LX 2-DR. HATCHBACK - Teal, 1.9 Liter 4-cyl., 44,416 miles. Options: PS, PB, AC. \$7,999
1988 FORD ESCORT LX 2-DR. HATCHBACK - Red, 1.9 Liter 4-cyl., 77,546 miles. Options: AT, PS, PB, AC. \$6,999
1988 MERCURY GRAND MARQUE LS 4-DR. SEDAN - Blue, 4.6 Liter V-8, 39,988 miles. Options: AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, ABS, AC, TSW, CC. \$11,999
1988 SATURN SWZ 4-DR. WAGON - Green, 1.9 Liter 4-cyl. twin cam, 90,454 miles. Options: PS, PB, PDL, PW, AC, TSW, CC. \$9,999
1988 BUICK LESABRE LIMITED 4-DR. SEDAN - Blue, 3.8 Liter V-6, 37,364 miles. Options: AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, ABS, AC, TSW, CC. \$12,999
1988 FORD ESCORT LX 4-DR. WAGON - Red, 1.9 Liter 4-cyl., 93,326 miles. Options: AT, PS, PB, AC. \$4,999
1988 PONTIAC BONNEVILLE SSE 4-DR. SEDAN - Beige, 3.8 Liter V-6, 77,432 miles. Options: AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, ABS, AC, TSW, CC, SR. \$10,999
1988 PONTIAC SUNBIRD LE 2-DR. - Aqua, 2.0 Liter 4-cyl., 29,454 miles. Options: AT, PS, PB, PDL, ABS. \$6,999
1988 BUICK LESABRE 4-DR. SEDAN - Black, 3.8 Liter V-6, 85,721 miles. Options: AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, AC, TSW, CC. \$7,999
1988 CHEVROLET CAVALIER 2-DR. - Blue, 2.2 Liter 4-cyl., 86,089 miles. Options: PS, PB, PDL, ABS, CA. \$4,999
1988 PLYMOUTH ACCLAIM 4-DR. SEDAN - Dark red, 2.5 Liter 4-cyl., 127,696 miles. Options: AT, PS, PB, AC, TSW, CC. \$3,999



1987 CHEVROLET 1500 SILVERADO EXTENDED PICKUP 4X4 - Green, 5.7 Liter V-8, 14,257 miles. Options: AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, ABS, AC, TSW, CC. \$23,999
1987 CHEVROLET 1500 SILVERADO EXTENDED PICKUP 4X4 - black/silver, 5.7 Liter V-8, 21,543 miles. Options: AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, ABS, CD, AC, TSW, CC. \$23,999
1987 CHEVROLET 1500 SILVERADO EXTENDED PICKUP 4X4 - Green, 5.0 Liter V-8, 15,459 miles. Options: PS, PB, PDL, PW, ABS, AC, TSW, CC. \$22,999
1987 DODGE RAM 1500 LARAMIE 4X4 CLUB CAB PICKUP - Green/silver, 5.9 Liter V-8, 33,579 miles. Options: AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, ABS, AC, TSW, CC. \$29,999
1988 CHEVROLET LUMINA APV ALL-PURPOSE VEHICLE - Lt. blue, 3.4 Liter 6-cyl., 46,336 miles. Options: AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, ABS, AC, TSW, CC. \$12,999
1988 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN 1500 UTILITY VEHICLE 4WD - Dr. blue/silver, 5.7 Liter V-8, 33,610 miles. Options: AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, ABS, CD, AC, TSW, CC. \$26,999
1988 CHEVROLET TAHOE UTILITY VEHICLE 4WD - Red, 5.7 Liter V-8, 17,158 miles. Options: AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, ABS, CD, AC, TSW, CC. \$27,999
1988 DODGE DAKOTA 4X4 CLUB CAB PICKUP TRUCK - Beige, 3.9 Liter 6-cyl., 23,025 miles. Options: AT, PS, PB, ABS, AC, TSW, CC. \$17,999
1988 DODGE RAM 1500 LARAMIE 4X4 CLUB CAB PICKUP TRUCK - White, 5.9 Liter V-8, 23,286 miles. Options: AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, ABS, AC, TSW, CC. \$22,999
1988 FORD EXPLORER XLT AWD UTILITY VEHICLE - Red, 5.0 Liter V-8, 27,157 miles. Options: AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, ABS, AC, TSW, CC. \$21,999
1988 GMC SIERRA 1500 PICKUP TRUCK 4WD EXTENDED - Dark red, 5.7 Liter V-8, 24,010 miles. Options: AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, ABS, CD, AC, TSW, CC. \$21,999
1988 CHEVROLET 8-10 BLAZER LT UTILITY VEHICLE 4WD - Black, 4.3 Liter V-6, 39,015 miles. Options: AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, ABS, AC, TSW, CC. \$18,999
1988 DODGE CARAVAN MINI VAN - Green, 3.0 Liter V-6, 75,369 miles. Options: AT, PS, PB, AC, TSW, CC. \$9,999

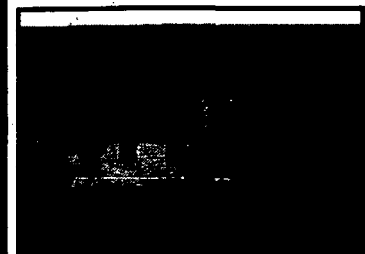
1988 GEO TRACKER UTILITY VEHICLE 4WD - White, 1.8 Liter 4-cyl., 34,500 miles. Options: AT, PS, PB, AC. \$9,999
1988 JEEP WRANGLER 6 HARD-TOP UTILITY VEHICLE 4WD - Teal, 2.5 Liter 4-cyl., 33,058 miles. Options: AT, PS, PB, TSW. \$12,999
1988 CHEVROLET ASTRO LT MINI VAN - Brown/tan, 4.3 Liter V-6, 48,180 miles. Options: AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, ABS, AC, TSW, CC. \$12,999
1988 CHEVY LUMINA 1991 VAN ALL-PURPOSE VEHICLE - Gray/silver, 3.8 Liter V-6, 78,018 miles. Options: AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, ABS, AC, TSW, CC. \$9,999
1988 CHEVROLET 8-10 EXTENDED PICKUP TRUCK - Black, 2.2 Liter 4-cyl., 36,572 miles. Options: PS, P., CC. \$9,799
1988 DODGE RAM 1500 LARAMIE 4X4 PICKUP TRUCK - Red, 5.2 Liter V-8, 49,115 miles. Options: AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, ABS, AC, TSW, CC. \$15,999
1988 CHEVROLET G-20 ECLIPSE CONVERSION VAN - White, 5.7 Liter V-8, 45,594 miles. Options: AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, ABS, AC, TSW, CC. \$13,488
1988 CHEVROLET 1990 SCOTTSDALE PICKUP TRUCK 4X4 - Red, 5.0 Liter V-8, 121,094 miles. Options: PS, PB, CC. \$7,999
1988 FORD AEROSTAR XL MINI VAN - Brown/white, 3.0 Liter V-6, 95,918 miles. Options: AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, ABS, AC, TSW, CC. \$4,999
1988 CHEVROLET 8-10 BLAZER 4X4 UTILITY VEHICLE - White, 4.3 Liter V-6, 76,127 miles. Options: AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, ABS, AC, TSW, CC. \$9,999
1988 FORD F-150 CUSTOM 4X4 PICKUP TRUCK - Dark blue, 4.9 Liter 6-cyl., 70,870 miles. Options: PS, PB, ABS. \$7,999
1988 PLYMOUTH GRAND VOYAGER SE EXTENDED MINI VAN - White, 3.3 Liter V-6, 157,422 miles. Options: AT, PS, PB, AC, DO. \$3,999

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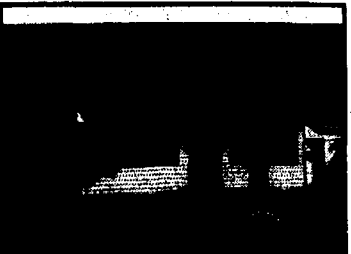
REAL ESTATE



Renovated Three-Bedroom, two-bathroom home has a private dressing room, library, hardwood floors, full basement, 24x36 barn and an attached garage! Harrison area. \$84,500. #4165. Ask for John Wiltse!



Close to Bear Lake Access, Cute and Clean This home has been very well maintained and has three bedrooms, one bathroom, 14x22 garage, fenced-in area, on a 101'x469' hardwooded parcel of land. Accessed off a county-maintained, private road. \$36,000. #4121. Ask for Jim Wiltse!



Nice Starter Home or rental investment. Home features two bedrooms, one bathroom, Michigan basement, and comes with stove and refrigerator. Newer siding, windows, well and septic. \$37,500. #4176. Ask for Jim Wiltse!



Located in the City of Grayling is this fine starter/rental investment home. Located close to the schools and hospital, has many updates including new roof. Immediate occupancy. \$29,000. #4199. Ask for Connie Winans!



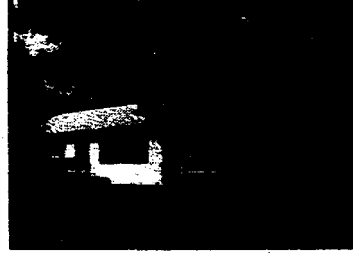
Local Restaurant Has Up-North Atmosphere Busy year-round restaurant located on I-75 business Loop, with 230 feet of frontage. Has room to expand, and also on location in a three-bedroom home. \$230,000. #4088. Ask for Connie Winans!



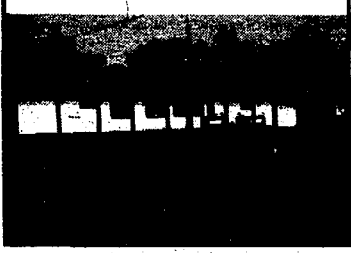
Great Location in Sherwood Forest Ideal floor plan has three bedrooms, two bathrooms, enclosed 11x18 back porch, large 8x24 breezeway leading to the 23x18 garage. Blacktop circle drive. \$55,900. #3986. Ask for Debbie Bondar!



Snowmobiler's Delight, Comes Furnished Nice, neat cabin backs up to state land. Comes with all furnishings, and is ready to move in and use. New 3/4 bathroom. Close to restaurants, store, gas station and trails. \$17,900. #4040. Ask for Connie Winans!



Excellent Location! This three-bedroom home features a large kitchen and dining area, full basement which is partially finished, two-car attached garage and a nice yard. Reduced, \$55,900. #4201. Ask for Connie Winans!



Beautiful Mobile Home is Secluded on 2 1/2 Acres. Featuring two bedrooms, an enormous three-car garage, wonderful landscaped yard, decks and comes with washer, dryer, refrigerator and stove. \$43,000. #4094. Ask for John Kuzsak!



Five-Bedroom Home in the City of Grayling Plenty of room to roam in this large home with new drywall, full basement, covered porch, large closets and three bathrooms. Perfect for the growing family. \$69,900. #4018. Ask for Debbie Bondar!



Clean Three-Bedroom Cottage is located on three acres of land with over 300 feet of frontage on the AuSable River. Snowmobile trails and state land are very close by and easily accessed. \$45,000. #4221. Ask for Connie Winans!



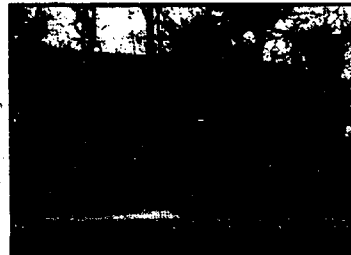
Located on Three Acres of Hardwoods is this clean two-bedroom, two-bathroom home. 23x14 living room has a gas log woodstove. Extras include two nice-size decks, 24x32 garage and the list goes on. \$58,500. #4189. Ask for Debbie Bondar!



Beautiful Floor Plan! This spacious three-bedroom home features side-by-side his/her walk-in closet, two full baths, attached two-car garage with separate pole barn for additional storage. A must to see. \$74,900. #4212. Ask for John Kuzsak!



Excellent Location Large 1,668 sq. ft. ranch home offers full finished basement with 2-3 additional bedrooms downstairs. New siding, fenced yard, attached garage and more. \$107,900. #4169. Ask for Debbie Bondar!



Remodeled Home, Inside and Out, With a Fantastic Stone Fireplace This property would make a fantastic up-north getaway or retirement home. Located close to Big Creek in an association with pool, lodge and more! Home comes with stove, refrigerator and shed. \$39,900. #4111. Ask for John Kuzsak!

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